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'Military should initiate talks on land leases'

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ov. Eloy S. Inos has acknowledged that the U.S. military can indeed use the option of eminent domain to acquire more lands in the CNMI, and that the Commonwealth should opt to discuss these proposed leases "more openly."

"I'm concerned that we do not discuss this more openly with the military," Inos said.

The governor said that the bottom line is that the U.S. military and federal government "have the power" and the right to exercise this power.

He said he supports discussions on the land lease "but we want them (military) to initiate it."

"So far, the military has been making suggestions on their requirements on more land," Inos said.

He said he will meet with military

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, fourth from left, led other officials in a ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Phase IIB cross-island road project in As Teo on Thursday. The cross-road improvement is part of a larger-scale infrastructure improvement program funded by the Federal Highway Administration.

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Judge OKs \$69K compensation, expenses for Trustee

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood has found as reasonable the request for compensation and reimbursement of expenses in



beriod.

Tydingco-Gatewood in an order issued on Settlement Fund to pay

the amount of \$69,806.10 Tang \$63,286.10, which represents 90 filed by Settlement Fund percent of the professional fees and Trustee Joyce C.H. Tang 100 percent of all expenses incurred incurred for a six-month during the months of November 2014 through April 2015.

The judge further ordered the Settlement Fund to hold in trust to the credit Wednesday directed the of Trustee Tang the sum of \$6,520,

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Ex-DPH chief testifies he only learned about \$1.7M healthcare scam in 2011

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Former Department of Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin P. Villagomez yesterday testified that he was not aware that Melvin Ada was stealing almost \$2 million

Melvin Ada once owned 8-10 cars

from the Commonwealth Health Center during a seven-year period and that he only learned about the >>> Friend says

scam sometime in 2011. Villagomez was among nine witnesses that the U.S. government called

to the stand yesterday in See EX-DPH on Page 4

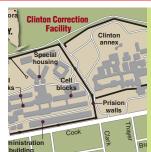
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CHCC to meet with CPA to discuss MERS

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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CNMI health officials and airport authorities will be meeting today to discuss more on the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome outbreak in South Korea, according to Public Health and Hospital Preparedness Program director Warren Villagomez.

He said as of now implementation of precautionary measures are still ongoing and not a lot has been set in stone yet. The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has so far been prepping up measures at the hospital and is in constant contact with key stakeholders in addressing MERS.

"What we're doing is we are going to be meeting tomorrow with airport authorities and stakeholders, including airlines and we've given our MERS response awareness reorganization messaging posters to the airport and these will be posted up at the airport for all incoming passengers," Villagomez said.

Villagomez also noted that the Centers for Disease and Control Prevention health alert monitors should be up at the airport to bring a higher level of awareness in regards to any infectious diseases.

CDC recently equipped the airport with five television sets, called travel alert monitors, which are for public health awareness and for other evolving diseases that could be a potential threat to the CNMI.

Villagomez said that they

have developed and took extra effort in coming up with a questionnaire for incoming passengers from Korea. Questions include whether the passenger visited health facilities in Korea for the last 14 days.

"That is the reason why we're [coordinating] with the Commonwealth Ports Authority and U.S Customs and Border Patrol," he said.

An isolation room, called the negative pressure isolation room, is currently in place at the hospital and is ready to be used in case a MERS case is identified in the CNMI. An outside isolation and quarantine identified area is also on standby.

"All the coordination we're doing is going well and we are in constant communication with CDC Hawaii epidemiologists Dr. Tai Ho Chen and updates from him as well as the CDC epidemiologists from Guam and we are in close coordination with our medical staff at the hospital," Villagomez said.

CHCC urges travelers to protect themselves when travelling abroad to countries that have potentially identified MERS or has MERS, which includes Middle East and South Korea.

Symptoms of MERS are fever, cough, and short of breath. Some have also experienced gastrointestinal symptoms including diarrhea and nausea/vomiting. For many people, according to CDC, more severe complications followed such as pneumonia and kidney failure.



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DPW completes section of cross-island road improvement project

The Department of Public Works the importance of the newly has completed a portion of a cross-island road improvement project at the intersection of Santa Lourdes Road in As Teo.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres led other government officials during the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the newly developed road on Thursday.

Inos, in a short speech congratulated the DPW and cited renovated road for the communities in Kagman and its benefits to tourism.

The cross-road improvement is part of a larger-scale infrastructure improvement program funded by the Federal Highway Administration.

After nearly decades of problems with potholes, dust, and damage to cars, several roads in Kagman III and some in San Vicente are now in the process of being paved.

The paving project includes three areas in Kagman III-Chopak Drive, Pine Drive, and Mangga Street—and Katbon Road in San Vicente. Other projects included roads in parts of San Vicente, Kannat Tabla, As Terlaje, Papago, As Teo, and Kagman.

Early this year, the DPW broke ground on four road-paving projects in Precinct 5, starting with Chopak Drive in Kagman III. Aside from Chopak Drive, the three other roads that will finally be paved are Pine Drive and Mangga Street in Kagman III and Katbun Road in San Vicente.

The funding for the road paving in Kagman III and San Vicente was made possible after Inos signed a local law in July 2014 appropriating more than \$2.17 million in bond funds for

Saipan projects. Of the \$2.17 million, \$600,000 went to Precinct 5 road paving.

Since the first issuance of homesteads in Kagman III in December 1993, roads in phases 3 and 4 of the village had little or no paved roads, causing residents and motorists a decade of negotiating dilapidated roads.

Twenty-two years later, Kagman III will finally see actual groundwork on three of its

roads with one other road paving in San Vicente.

DPW Secretary James Ada said the road-paving is finally starting after many unsuccessful efforts in the past.

"Fifteen years ago, when I was a director for roads and ground for DPW, my staff had to fix these roads and it is about time for Kagman residents to be proud of it," Ada said. (Joel Pinaroc)



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MANGO Program Managers Training to be held next week

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

The Marianas Alliance of Non-Government Organizations, Inc. will be holding its annual local capacity building event next week.

The Program Managers Training is targeted primarily for NGOs as well as for nonprofit organizations or NPOs.

MANGO is the umbrella association of all Northern Mariana Islands-based NGOs.

This year, MANGO will be partnering with >> Registration Asia Pacific Islandends today er American Health Forum.

"We are privileged to partner this time with APIAHF who has graciously offered to bring their resources, expertise, and U.S. national network for our APIA community right here in our backyard, our Marianas," MANGO's board

of directors said.

The training is a two-day event and will be held at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan in San An-

tonio on June 18 and 19 and will be from 9am to 5pm.

It is an interactive training for new and potential managers from public health non-governmental organizations serving any and all populations.

MANGO said they hope to

reach a diverse group of trainees this year.

Seats are on a "first registered, first served basis" and limited to the first 30 online registrants. Online registrations can be made at http://bit. ly/1LOFr0f.

Deadline for registration is today, June 12.

For more information, interested individuals may contact Marietta Factora at mfactora@ apiahf.org.



From left, Pepe Crisostomo, United Filipino Organization sports coordinator; Rob Harrell, IT&E executive director of Customer Operations; Malou Malasarte, UFO member; Bong Malasarte, UFO president; Veronica Acosta, IT&E Product manager; and Hans W. Mickelson, IT&E Sales

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IT&E is a title sponsor of this year's Pistang Pinoy 2015, giving a total of \$5,000 worth of cash and in-kind donations. This year, the Filipino community celebrates 117 years of Philippine Independence.

"This is a very important milestone and we want to be a part of the celebration!" said IT&E Sales & Marketing manager Hans W. Mickelson.

The Pistang Pinoy 2015 event will be held at the Mari-

anas Business Plaza parking area on Sunday, June 14, from 9am to 10pm. IT&E will feature TFC.TV special promotion for all prepaid, postpaid, and DSL subscribers. Simply link your account on your phone and receive a chance to win a flat screen TV which

will be awarded at the end of the night!

IT&E invites the community to come down to celebrate Pistang Pinoy 2015 as the event will also feature live entertainment and other fun activities for the entire family to enjoy! *(IT&E)*

that the U.S. military can still acquire lands in the Commonwealth even if a bill is passed to prohibit the CNMI's Department of Public Lands from entering into leases with the military.

Manibusan gave the opinion during a public hearing on Senate Bill 19-42, which was introduced by Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan) to prohibit the lease of public land for live fire and bombing exercises.

It would also require leases of public lands for other military activities to be approved by two-thirds majority of registered voters.

According to the Manibusan, S.B. 19-42 "adequately restrains the DPL from leasing public lands to private actors for military purposes, but the determination of whether it effectively prevents live fire and bombing exercises by the U.S. requires an analysis of other laws."

According to him, the CNMI

Legislature can prohibit DPL from leasing out the land. "However, the federal government is not required to follow laws established by its political subdivisions. Therefore, this bill would only prevent the DPL from entering a prohibited lease. It would not restrain the U.S."

So if DPL and U.S. government enter into a lease that violates this bill, the Commonwealth would only be able to sue its own department, the AG added.

Also, the measure does not restrict other methods of transferring land, such as purchase or land exchange, he pointed out.

Manibusan added that there are other methods of transferring land, and one is through the "eminent domain" process.

The bill as proposed also seeks to put military leases of public land to be submitted to the public for approval but Manibusan said this raises the question of who would be allowed to vote on this.

DPL's Tenorio also earlier said the bill is "unnecessary because the Legislature already has the obligation and duty to approve and disapprove certain leases per Article 11 of the Constitution.'

Tenorio said this section requires the Legislature's approval in a joint session for all leases of public lands that the more than 5 hectares.

Tenorio said with or without S.B. 19-42, the Constitution still requires the Legislature to first approve it for it to take effect.

The DPL chief further said one problem he sees is that "we don't know what the U.S. is willing to pay," and that "we would never know what is being offered unless discussion are conducted aimed at establishing some kind of fair market value for public lands that the military would be interested in leasing, such as Pagan, in its entirety or portion of it."

performed by the Trustee during

proved Tang's request for compensation and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$132,594.34 for a five-month period or for the months of June to October 2014.

EX-DPH

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the ongoing jury trial in federal court of Leyda I. Ada, who is accused of conspiring with her husband, Melvin, to perpetrate healthcare fraud exceeding \$1.7 million.

When Saipan Tribune left the courtroom yesterday afternoon, Bank of Hawaii Garapan branch manager Rosa Sumar, the ninth U.S. government witness for the day, was still on the witness stand. She has yet to complete her testimony. The trial will resume today, Friday, at 8:30am.

Villagomez testified that in July 2011 some people at the Department of Finance informed him that MMS, the supplier to CHC of medical supplies and equipment, particularly for hemodialysis patients, put on hold again their supplies due to non-payment.

Villagomez is now the Superior Courts family court manager. He served as public health secretary from 1999 to 2002 and from 2006 to 2011.

Villagomez testified that he was surprised because he signed the papers for payment of supplies, but he was told that the check was released to Melvin.

He said he learned that apparently MMS allowed Melvin to pick up the check and deposit it to the company's account.

When he was told that Melvin was not coming to work for about two weeks already, Villagomez said he asked one of the staff to track Melvin down so he will know what's going on and look at his desk because maybe the check for payment was there.

Villagomez said Melvin could not be found, but they discovered from his desk a box that contained a lot of purchase order documents.

He said they noticed from the documents that prices for supplies were changed, such as, for example, the original amount was \$500, but the fabricated document indicated like \$1,000.

"Obviously I was very worried," said Villagomez, adding that he also found a lot of bank deposit slips in large amounts.

Villagomez said he then contacted their legal counsel, assistant attorney general David Lochabay, from the Office of the Attorney General's Civil Division.

Villagomez said he showed Lochabay the documents, explained to him the circumstances, and asked that investigation should be initiated.

He said Lochabay told him that then-attorney general Edward Buckingham should be notified about the case so they later drafted a letter for Buckingham.

Villagomez said Buckingham replied that he would act on it.

Villagomez said he checked with human resources and found out that Melvin already surpassed the limit of days for being absent without official leave, which are grounds for

his termination.

He said he drafted a letter that gave Melvin the option to resign. After a few days, Melvin resigned.

Villagomez said he asked point blank Joe Ichihara, Melvin's father-in-law, whether he knows about Melvin's scam, but Ichihara denied it.

He said he informed Ichihara that he initiated an investigation.

Villagomez said Medicare has been paying from \$10 million to \$12 million a year to CHC and of that amount \$10 million is for hemodialysis alone.

Villagomez said Melvin was first assigned at CHC's Material and Supply and that his fatherin-law, Ichihara, was head of that office.

Melvin was then subsequently assigned to finance or accounting in the hospital because he has a background in purchasing.

Villagomez said he noticed that Melvin was missing work for a lot of days, often sometimes not providing notice at all.

He said once he asked Melvin what's going on and he told him that his wife, Leyda, is sick and seeing a native healer and that part of the treatment is to move to Chuuk to address the problem.

"Absenteeism with Melvin was a problem," Villagomez said.

He also remembered seeing Melvin driving a very nice Suzuki SUV, a sports car, and a black Nissan truck.

"He came with different cars," Villagomez said.

During cross examination by attorney Mark Hanson, counsel for Leyda Ada, Villagomez said at that time he was not aware that MMS, a corporation in the U.S. mainland, has a representative on Saipan.

Villagomez said he was also not aware that the now Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. acting chief financial officer Corazon Pablo Ada, who then worked in the hospital's finance or accounting section, investigated Melvin for the purported scam in 2008 and reported the matter to her supervisor.

Paul Guerrero, a friend of Melvin was also among the U.S. government's witnesses vesterday. He testified, among other things, that Melvin at a time owned from eight to 10 cars.

Guerrero said he and Melvin became friends in 2005. He said Melvin asked him to work on old cars to make them nice.

Guerrero said in 2009 he had his first son so he "slowed down" so they were not seeing each other frequently between that year and 2011.

Guerrero said in 2011, Melvin told him that he was in trouble and that he needs to sell some of his cars.

Guerrero agreed with Hanson that Leyda Ada was not part of his and Melvin's discussions about selling cars.

He said he was not aware that Melvin was stealing close to \$2 million from CHC at that time.

MILITARY

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top brass toward the end of the month to discuss the overall military activities in the CNMI.

Inos said the issue of land use, and 902 consultations "might also be thrown in" during the

Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio reiterated that the Legislature has the right to say "no" to discussions, and that there should an "open and balanced" discussions with the military.

Tenorio said the CNMI is not even on the stage of discussing how many years or how much land will be leased, yet proposed legislation seem to be "closing opportunity."

Eminent domain

JUDGE

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for this time period.

On Tuesday, CNMI Attorney General Edward Manibusan gave a written opinion saying

which represents 10 percent of

the Trustee's professional fees

Tydingco-Gatewood said Tang

may petition for release of the 10

percent retainage on a quarterly basis, subject to the court's satisfaction of the Trustee's work and any objections to the Trustee's compensation requests.

Tang requested for compensation in the amounts of \$7,248.31 in professional services and expenses for No-

vember 2014; \$11,856.86 for December 2014; \$11,122 for January 2015; \$7,401.43 for February 2015; \$20,211.02 for March 2015; and \$11,966.48 for April 2015, or for a total of \$69.806.10.

Tydingco-Gatewood said the court is satisfied with the work

this six-month period.

Last December, the judge ap-

Formal charges filed vs teacher accused of sexual abuse

The Office of the Attorney General yesterday filed formal charges against a teacher accused of sexually abusing two minor girls and inappropriately touched the private parts of two minor boys.

The OAG, however, charged the 42-year-old Kenn Litulumar Aldan only with respect to one minor girl.

The information filed by assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda charged Aldan with sexual abuse of a

minor in the second degree, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

According to Cepeda, the incident happened between Feb. 1, 2015 and April 30, 2015 on Saipan.

Cepeda said the defendant touched the girl's genital area, breast, and buttocks.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that last March 10 a police officer responded to an apartment in Chinatown where a woman reported a child abuse incident.

Kintoki said the woman told police that the defendant inappropriately touched the private parts of two minor boys and also repeatedly sexually abused the boys' sister starting when she was 12 years old.

The woman alleged that Aldan also sexually abused the children's other minor sister and that the latest incident happened only last February. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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Tinian mayor thanks SNI municipal council for Rota fundraising effort

Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas has commended the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council for their efforts and leadership in organizing a relief fundraiser for the island of Rota as they recover from Typhoon Dolphin.

"The people of Tinian are well aware of the difficulties rebuilding after a devastating greatly needed," he said.

San Nicolas said the Tinian leadership is more than willing to participate in the fundraising efforts and its own fundraising efforts to help Rota will be led by councilman Edwin M. Hofschneider.

"I have full confidence in Councilman Hofschneider to coordinate and lead the fund-

from neighboring islands is raising efforts in Tinian; and I will likewise pledge the full support of the Mayor's Office. To the people of Rota, rest assured that the people of Tinian are here to help." (PR)



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Lawmakers eyeing DLNR to 'handle' landing fees

By JOEL PINAROC

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Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan) and other members of the Saipan and Northern Island Legislative Delegation are looking at amending a law to allow the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to be the administrator of landing fees at Managaha Island.

The SNILD chair, however,

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clarified that everything is not final and the topic is still being explored.

"This (amending the law) is perhaps a better option than filing a certified question to the Supreme Court," Sablan said.

The lawmaker said that until now, the Legislature continues to discuss what the certified question will contain. Filing the certified question is also an altogether different process that will take more time.

"The certified question is still pending and our legal counsel is still looking at it. The certified question might take a longer time, than just Sablan amending the law," Sablan said.

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Commenting on the possible legislation, Department

of Public Lands Secretary Pete A. Tenorio said there has already been a "slip opinion" from the Supreme Court that Managaha is a land, dry land, not submerged, and all dry lands are managed by the DPL.

> Tenorio said he will consult with the CNMI Attorney General "soon."

> But the official said the problem is that "if something is against your political will, you just want to change it."

"Let us go with that the Constitution says and let us not change the definition of what 'dry land' is," Tenorio "The Constitution is very clear.'

Landing fees

Saipan Local Law 18-19 mandates the DPL to distribute \$800,000 to more than 200 Saipan families.

The payments will come from "landing fees" that are generated from tourists visiting Managaha Island, a prime tourist spot in the CNMI.

But the payments have been delayed because questions

about the local law itself have risen, including whether these landing fees are considered land leases or fees and whether they could be used to pay for land compensations.

The \$800,000 land compensation payments will come from \$1 million in landing fees that the government, through the DPL, currently holds.

Since September 2014, the administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos has been considering going the route of a certified question to get legal guidelines for pending judgments or obligations such as land compensations.

Gilbert Birnbrich, the former attorney general, earlier said the public law runs counter to the CNMI Constitution.

He said a certified question before the Supreme Court will put finality not only to the much-debated land compensation law but also any law and future laws that appropriates money from the Managaha landing and users fees.

4-year CNMI State Plan on Aging now available

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

The official public hearing for the CNMI State Plan on Aging for fiscal year 2015-2019 will be held next week.

The four-year plan will provide direction for the Office on Aging as it plans and implements long-term >>> Public care reform efforts.

According to Aging director Walter Manglona, copies of the plan are now avail-

able for the public hearing set submit it to the Department of on June 17 at 10am on CNMI's senior centers.

"Copies of the State Plan are available to the public at the senior centers on all islands so that they can review it over the weekend," Manglona said.

He added that the plan was made with the man'amkó themselves.

"The CNMI Office on Aging included the senior citizens here at the senior center and collected their input before finalizing the plan. This plan is our plan," he added.

Manglona will conduct the hearing on Saipan, while coordinators Valerie Apatang and Evelyn David will head the hearing in Tinian and Rota.

He said he hopes for more senior citizens to come at the hearing as well as current and future partner agencies.

hearing set for next week

At the hearing, they will discuss the plan as well as collect comments from the public to see if there are needs for revisions or inclusions before they

Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Laura Ogumoro.

After the department's final review, they will be sending the plan to the Administration for Community Living and Administration on Aging for approval.

The State Plan will provide direction for the development of a comprehensive and coordinated system of home- and community-based services that allow senior citizens and older persons with physical disabilities to continue to live in their homes and communities.





BEACH ROAD



Grab your free comic books tomorrow

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Everyone is invited to grab free comic books as Saipan celebrates Free Comic Book Day

More than a thousand comics will be given away at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and Green Flash Comics.

"Even if you have never picked up a comic book, stop by Green Flash Comics in Garapan because you never know what you will end up finding," Green Flash owner Glenn Keaton said.

At least two or three comic books may be given to each person.

Free Comic Book Day will start at the public library at 9:30am to 11:30am and will continue on Green Flash at 12pm to 7pm.

Winners of the Mariana Islands Legends art contest will also be announced in the morning at the library.

Cosplayers are also invited to come to the library as a cosplay

contest will be held. There will be a division for kids, teens, and adults. Exciting prizes await those who will join.

Free Comic Book Day is celebrated in comic book shops around the world usually on the first Saturday of May but because of shipping delays, Saipan celebrates it on the second Saturday of June.

Over 4.6 million comic books are given away by participating stores with the hope of introducing the industry and the art to as many people as possible.

"We at Green Flash Comics want to spread the word that comics are perfect for today's times. Comic books, mangas, and graphic novels are considered a hot form of entertainment that are fun and a smart pick for readers to dive into as imagination comes to life with the turn of every page," Keaton said.

"Free Comic Book Day has been and will continue to be a big day in the comic book world," he added.

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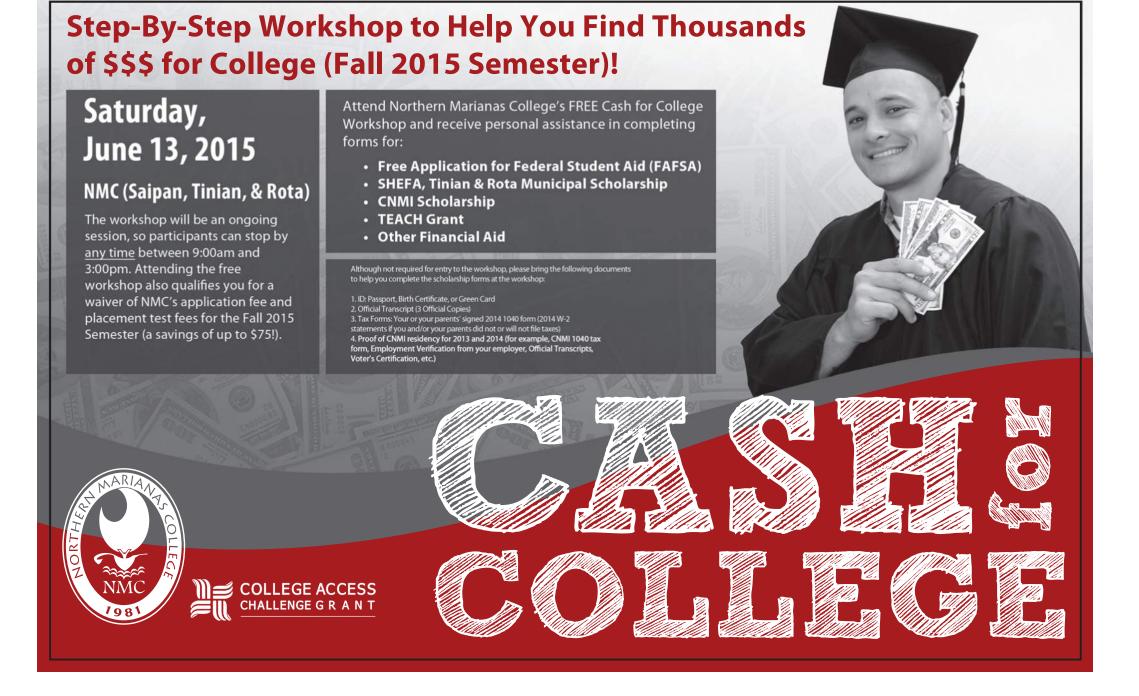


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Kagman High graduates 135 Ayuyus

By DENNIS B. CHAN REPORTER

Kagman High School seniors cheered "A-Y-U-Y-U" one last time as their four years of high school together came to end at the American Memorial Park yesterdav.

KHS' Class of 2015 was welcomed with a large crowd spilling over the seats of the park's amphitheater yesterday afternoon. Such dignitaries as Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, members of the Legislature, and other leaders also welcomed the class.

As some of the guest speakers and emcees spun it yesterday, the Public School System—after the graduations of Marianas High School and Saipan Southern High School the previous two days-saved



CLEA SAN NICOLAS

Valedictorian

"the best class for last." Class valedictorian Clea San Nicolas, in her address, reminded her fellow graduates of the "evolution" and "molting" during the last four years.

"We have broken out of our old shells," she said.

"In the last tidal wave [senior our emotions were once again

Salutatorian

year], time quickly passed as we completed our high school years. Many of us developed senioritis—a disease with a long list of symptoms—procrastination, fatigue, headaches, entitlement, and mood swings.

"Like in our freshmen year,

a confusing mix of trepidation, confidence, fear, hesitation and enthusiasm." she said.

But as the year went on, San Nicolas said—to loud cheering from her classmates—they soon came to realize that "the only thing to cure to senioritis was graduation.'

"We will break out of our shells, we will molt, growing and falling, dreaming and doing," she said.

Salutatorian Paolo Josef Reyes, who was voted "most serious" at their senior prom, asked to close his address with "one last cliché."

"Listen closely. Why aim for the sky, when there are footprints on the moon?"

"Brainstorm your answers—I want your answers in an essay, MLA (Modern Language Association) format, with at least 500 words," he joked.

Following San Nicolas and Reyes in the KHS' "Top Tenor students with the highest grade point averages—were Mebric Navisaga, Malaina Gabriel Kileleman, Kioki Kyler Kapileo, Emmalou Mae Cabrera, Kimverlyn Mae Butters, Christian Jacob Punzulan, Dimitrios Camacho, and Dionne Jasmine Asano Deleon Guerrero.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan acknowledged the seniors for being the pilot class for their Distance Education—or online learning—program when it began four or five years ago.

Sablan, who taught a couple of those classes, said her two top students then, were also the two top students yesterday, San Nicolas and Reyes.

Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero also commended the seniors for their class average of a 2.6 GPA.

Victorino Torres, lawyer and brother of the lieutenant governor, brought his "quack on" to the ceremony when he pulled out a "duck call," the traditional whistle used to emulate the sound of duck.

Victorino Torres, who gave the keynote speech, was telling the students to be the "best they can become" in whatever they do. Torres is also a competitive poker player.

He demonstrated the different kinds of calls he and his brothers studied up on to attract ducks to them.

"I don't know if were the beset duck hunters out there. But I can tell you this; we were the best duck hunters that we could become. Promise me that you will be the best you can become."



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Shawarma Boy: Saipan's first and only food truck

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With its bright yellow and outstanding orange colors, who wouldn't notice Saipan's one and only food truck? It's Shawarma Boy—and not only is it bringing Mediterranean food to the Commonwealth, it's bringing in the food truck industry, too.

Jonathan Nunag, one of the boys behind Shawarma Boy, claims that they are the first and only food truck here so far. The idea, he said, came from wanting to put up a food business.

Why shawarma?

Nunag and his business partner, Mark Badal, started their shawarma business way back in 2010 when they used to have a stand at the Thursday Market at the Garapan Fishing Base. However, they had to close down when they needed to focus on other jobs.

Fast-forward to when they were ready to restart the business, they couldn't find a location.

"We really wanted to put up a small restaurant but it's hard to find a spot here in Garapan. I came up with the idea—why not a food truck?" he said.

But why shawarma?

"When I was young I really liked food. When I tasted shawarma as a kid, I said to myself, if ever I'll be putting up a food business, it must be shawarma," Nunag said.

He said he likes shawarma for its simplicity, taste, as well as the sauciness of the food.

Right now, Shawarma Boy offers beef shawarma, chicken shawarma, a shawarma combination of the two, and shawarma rice with either

beef or chicken

Nunag says they are thinking of adding more to their menu as well as serving food during lunch times.

"Soon we're going to have hummus," he said.

Why the food truck biz?

Shawarma Boy won their truck in an auction. Nunag said they got it for \$1,500 but

then had to replace almost every part, including the machine and the tires.

Another difficulty that they encountered was securing permits.

"It was hard to secure a permit because they didn't have any rules yet [regarding food trucks]. We were passed to different agencies," Nunag recalled.

However, despite the birthing pains, the boys were successful in restarting the business. They were even able to secure a permit to use part of the land near the Garapan Basketball Court where they can park anytime they want—usually on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Just two months since opening, they are gaining popularity, selling about 250 shawarmas in the Thursday Market and having followers on social media.

Nunag said they are expecting to recoup their investment within 10 months.

Asked how it feels to have pioneered a business in the Commonwealth, Nunag says it all comes down to passion.

"It feels good, I feel proud that Filipinos are the first one to have a food truck business here," Nunag said. "Cooking is really my passion [but] don't expect to be rich right away. It's more of you being happy with what you're doing, being able to do what you're passionate about."

Despite potential rivals, Nunag wants more people to start their own food truck business.

"Just don't sell shawarma like us. They can create their cupcake truck, ice cream truck, waffle truck, which is the biggest in the States. They can park here. I can give them space here, its okay. It will attract customers, it will be a destination," Nunag said.

He even recommends it to first-timers in the business.

"Those foodies who want to put up their own restaurant, I suggest they put up a food truck first because it's mobile, the capital is low. It's easier also and the expenses are not high," he added.



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Customers wait to be served their favorite shawarma by Saipan's only food truck, Shawarma Boy. Catch them every week at the Thursday Market in Garapan.



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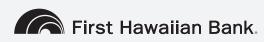


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EDITORIAL

Pea Eye Day

he use of "Pea eye" is not meant to be inconsequential, only to be casual. "P. I." is a discarded title used during the American occupation of an archipelago of islands named after a Spanish sovereign who presided over the height of the Spanish Empire, Philipp II, who later married Elizabeth and became England's King, among a few kingdoms.

Historical account is not our task at the moment, nor about the mathematical pi that resembles the acronym. It is about a group tracing their genetic descent in a group of Malayan islands, all 90 million of them at home and 11 million in diaspora in every nook and cranny of the known world, and a force on Saipan by accident of history.

Today's celebration has to do with a declaration of independence from Spain in 1898 by Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo. This is different from the July 4 granting of independence by the United States after WWII in 1946 when a people caught in the ministrations of American and Japanese military forces survived with more pride than common sense in a semblance of democracy, turning its status since 1935 as a Commonwealth of the United States into one of the first independent former colonies after WWII.

To speak of the Philippines as if it were a homogenous group is to mimic imposed imperial homogeneity over a diverse people. There is nothing common between a native of Aparri and one in Tawi-Tawi, nor a *maginoo* in Surigao to the Ilocano in Currimao. They gathered under the same political umbrella of a sovereign that the *Moro kris* of Mindanao and the G-strings of *Montañosa* did not acknowledge.

Yet, the colorful *batiks* of Lanao and the brass gongs of Cotabato are sold in the public markets of San Fernando; the muezzin's call is not limited to the area of Zamboanga to Isabela, even as Hiligaynon, Cebuano, Waray of *Bisaya* are sounds heard in the multi-glut shops of Pagadian to Claveria, echoing tongues of traders from Davao, Naga to Sanchez Mira who wag in distant tones.

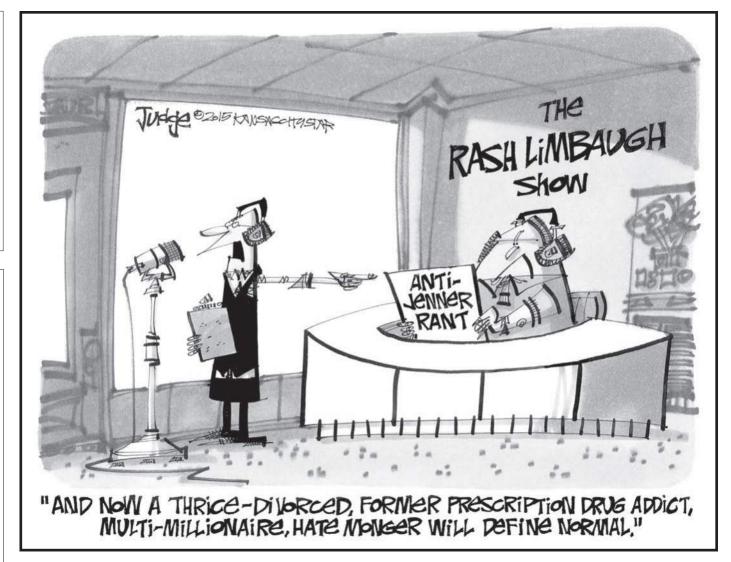
The 11 million Filipinos in diaspora are all over the world, with a handful in the Northern Mariana Islands that saw a 400 percent growth from 17,000 folks in 1980 to about 66,000 in 1998. The growth came in labor pools in the economic growth by a marketing advantage of Made-in-USA labels in garments stitched by cheap imported Asian labor.

In 1995, the CNMI's ethnic profile was a third Pinoy (34 out of a 100), Chamorro at 29, Chinese at almost 12, 8 of other Pacific Islanders, Carolinians at over 5, Koreans at 4, Caucasians at less than 4, Japanese at about 2 and the remaining for all others. Local were clearly outnumbered in the same way it is in Guam where Filipinos are a third of the populace.

Precisely because they are not a homogenous social group, Filipinos are hardly a dominant group, or as money-crazed and ever-frenzied workaholics like their hard-to-satisfy Sinosphere cousins. They send half of their earnings home and spend the rest having a good time on wholesale price. Like unscrewing the *Tanduay* today.

Ah, the *Pinoys* of Pea Eye, may their street-smart resiliency, world-wise industry, rub off on other groups this day.

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Hey, Democrats, have you forgotten Joe Biden?

t Beau Biden's funeral on Saturday, President Barack Obama said his own family had become part of the Biden clan, playing by "Biden rules."

"We're always here for you," Obama said looking at Vice President Joe Biden and his family, giving them his "word as a Biden."

The president's poignant words brought comfort to a family suffering the grievous loss of a son, a brother and a husband at the age of 46. But the moment was also a reminder of how politicians sometimes view even those they purport to love as expendable. After all, Obama has treated his former secretary of state, Hillary Clinton, as his successor, even if he didn't squeeze her shoulders in the Biden style.

It's possible that before anointing Clinton, Obama and his vice president had The Talk, in which Biden confided he wasn't going to run, even though the official word is that Biden will decide this summer. It's to his credit that he didn't build his vice presidency around becoming president, but that doesn't mean Obama shouldn't have given him first crack at it. Still, Biden hasn't faltered in supporting the president. When he pledged his loyalty, he gave his word as a Biden.

It's understandable that Obama, the Washington power crowd and the Democratic base would pick Hillary over Joe—the money, the machine and the early polls pointed to a strife-free coronation.

Yet there's a long way left to go in the 2016 presidential campaign. Even as Hillary's performance puzzles, her poll numbers soften, and the public's perception of her honesty and trustworthiness sink below 50 percent, people still anxiously cling to her as the only viable candidate. It's hard to see how they could look at Biden and not see one.

Obama saw an asset in Biden's experience as two-time chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and needed the political capital from his 40 years in Congress. The president leaned heavily on his wingman in managing the U.S. troop withdrawals from Iraq and Afghanistan, coping with the crisis in Ukraine after the failure of Clinton's reset with Vladimir Putin, and overseeing the \$787 billion economic stimulus package. Biden is often the "last person" in the room when a big decision is being made.

In some ways, Biden is the anti-Obama, and maybe his perfect complement. The vice president has an ample gift for the kind of politics Obama can't stomach—the shooting the breeze, the back-slapping and, yes, even the shoulder squeezing. At the White House Correspondents Dinner in 2013, Obama defended his aloofness. "Some folks still don't think I spend enough time with Congress. 'Why don't you get a drink with Mitch McConnell?' they ask," Obama said. "Really? Why don't you get a drink with Mitch McConnell?"

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Well, Joe might not want to, but he would. Biden worked tirelessly negotiating fiscal agreements with McConnell and smoothing relations with congressional Democrats and the Democratic base. He makes nice with reporters every summer, drenching them with a Super Soaker at a picnic at his residence.

It's true, Biden does sometimes come off as impulsive as a Saint Bernard, blurting out things you can bet he wished he hadn't. After Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney's 47 percent gaffe in 2012, Biden told a black audience they'd be back in chains if Romney won.

When Obama notes the difference between him and Biden, it's often as a laugh line. After a drone buzzed the White House, Obama joked that Joe raced outside with a bat trying to bring it down.

But the image of Joe trying to protect the White House goes to the mystery of how he keeps up his enthusiasm for the often thankless work of politics after all these years and how he maintains his enviable love of life after so much heartbreak. Before the untimely death of his son, he endured the death of his 1-year-old daughter and wife in a car accident at Christmas time in 1972. Biden himself almost died after a brain aneurysm in 1988 that took him out of public life for seven months.

A few more blunders as the price for more of him could be a fair trade. Not one Republican presidential candidate has his experience or his heart—nor, for that matter, does the presumptive Democratic nominee, Hillary Clinton.

Obama, who said in his eulogy for Beau Biden on Saturday, "Joe, you are my brother, and I am grateful every day you have got such a big heart, and a big soul, and those broad shoulders," might see this now. Even the cool and disciplined Obama couldn't miss Biden's steely core and his character as he stood for 10 hours shaking hands and embracing the thousands of Delaware residents who waited in long lines to pay their respects to him and his son.

The priceless value of Biden has long been in plain sight. Obama was finally moved to emulate him. On Saturday, the president did what Joe would do. He didn't just hug the weeping vice president. He kissed him.

The fortune cookie

o you ever have one of those days when lunch is the high point of the day, not because lunch was great but because the rest of the day wasn't? Yeah, those days. As in: this day. Today I had lunch at a faux Chinese restaurant that was nestled between a used tire shop and a tattoo parlor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Navy proposal could harm local cetaceans

Dennis B. Chan's June 10, 2015, article "Humpback whales sightings suggest breeding ground in Marianas" evidences that at least one step toward achieving progress with protecting marine mammals in the Marianas is being made. Substantially more time, effort, and thought to further survey marine mammals in the region by the scientific community is needed, however, because no one really knows and understands just how harmful Navy-produced active sonar and underwater detonations will be to our humpback whale population and a host of other marine mammal species that share the Marianas Islands environment with our people.

There is little information on humpback whale and other marine mammal populations in the Marianas region and this is adequate reason to be gravely concerned because MITT related Navy undersea training proposals and the Navy's waiver request to NOAA are incomplete. The Navy has not presented enough empirical evidence to amply justify its desire to conduct 12,000 underwater explosions and to conduct over 17,000 active sonar events each year.

Chan's article is important because it acknowledges the hard work performed by at least one scientist, Dr. Erin Oleson, who is contributing new information and knowledge to help grow the collective understanding of how marine mammal populations breed and live in the Marianas region. This represents life-sustaining, and thus life-giving work as opposed to life-damaging or life-destroying activities proposed by the Navy in the MITT.

It is important to note that the sample size being discussed in Chan's article may represent just a small or very small representation of exactly how many marine mammals live and transit throughout the Marianas region. It is equally important for us to assume that even moderate amounts of active sonar and underwater demolition activity in the area could be irreparably harmful to the long-term health of the undersea marine mammal ecosystem in the region. Until we have a long trail of historical data to evidence how the Navy does not harm or injure or kill marine mammal populations in the region, NOAA should not approve the Navy's five-year letter of authorization waiver request. It is unreasonable and unsubstantiated because not every nook and cranny of the planet is a threat to American military security and we must protect our total environment because once it is damaged or destroyed it cannot be remediated to its original condition.

Rick Perez

Hanover, NH

Pagan

The AG is correct and the question of imminent domain is undeniable. The key to this issue was covered by "with payment of compensation," so the issue is, or should be, strictly about the money.

Working local citizens into a frenzy in public hearings, waving posters, petitions, and wearing T-shirts to show solidarity may be futile and divert attention from the key issue, the money, whether that is an unintentional consequence or contrived.

The best interests of CNMI citizens is to properly calculate the value and the revenue our people should be compensated, if the military does in fact decide to bomb Pagan, which I unequivocally oppose for many reasons.

We can easily price Pagan using a standard real estate a formula. And there is a critical matter long past due to be considered.

The Covenant specifically promised the people here would have a similar standard of living or quality of life as residents of the U.S. mainland. That has clearly not been achieved. Our residents' average income compared to the lowest state is shameful, and our children lack the educational opportunities, basic housing, and medical specialities afforded to other citizens.

Former President Bush once authorized an additional \$400 billion to the war effort late in his second term and 1 percent of that is far more than CNMI residents have received in the Commonwealth's history.

The fair market value of a 40-year lease for Pagan, significantly discounted due to lack of infrastructure, is at least \$2.8 billion. And between China, Russia, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Germany, England, or the U.S., I am sure that figure could be realized on an open international market.

Ron Hodges

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Naturally, a fortune cookie came after the meal.

Instead of paying the check and rushing back into the world, I decided to pour another cup of tea and hunker down with my fortune cookie. After all maybe, just maybe, it would offer some sort of wisdom. So as I unwrap this fortune cookie, awaiting my rendezvous with destiny, I'll note something that you already know: Chinese fortune cookies aren't really Chinese.

The fortune cookie was invented in California about a century ago. Beyond that, though, there's not much to go on. FactMonster.com mentions two likely candidates for the inventor. One is David Jung, a Chinese immigrant who lived in Los Angeles. The other is Makoto Hagiwara, a Japanese immigrant who lived in San Francisco.

As for modern times, FactMonster reports that the largest fortune cookie company is Wonton Food Inc., situated in New York, which ships out 60 million cookies a month.

That's a lot of fortune cookie printing. To put that number in perspective, *The Wall Street Journal* has a paid circulation of about 2.3 million.

So the print medium isn't dead. It has just changed format from column-inches to dessert.

As for the fortune thing, cookies aren't the only way to dispense them in a restaurant. A television show, *The Twilight Zone*, had a 1960 episode titled "Nick of Time" in which a guy becomes obsessed with a fortune telling machine in a diner. That show was created before I was, but those old shows are easily found in DVD collections these days.

The actor in the "Nick of Time" episode, William Shatner, went on to reach fame as Captain Kirk in the "Star Trek" TV series, so we can say that his fortunes turned out for the better.

But what about mine?

We'll soon see. Here in the restaurant, I'm cracking open my cookie and awaiting my rendezvous with fate.

I see that the fortune comes in three lines.

Here's Line No. 1: "You need a new environment. Go on vacation"

Now, just hold on a minute. I already am in a new environment. In fact, I just got here. And now the cookie wants to push me out again? That doesn't make sense. Maybe this cookie was meant for another patron. The waitress probably mixed things up. I had the feeling she wasn't concentrating.

But just to be safe I'd better hedge my bets and buy a lotto ticket. This brings me to the next line of my fortune.

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Line No. 2: "Lucky # 1, 7, 38, 56, 39, 26."

I don't know if the luck behind these numbers will be diluted if you use them, too, but I didn't see any warnings or disclaimers to that effect, so I'll have to assume we're OK on this note.

And now we arrive at the last line. This one is educational. Line No. 3 says, "Learn Chinese: Fish," followed by the Chinese word for fish ("yu"), followed by the Chinese character for fish.

I'm in familiar waters on this one, because the "yu" sound has many meanings in Chinese, depending on inflection (tone) and context. I'm the go-to guy for fish words. That's because I botched the inflection during a presentation in Chinese class. The topic was real estate. I thought I was saying "apartment," but I was actually saying "public fish." For the remainder of the semester I was the professor's point-to poster-child for the pitfalls of tonal turpitude.

There are, as it turns out, two methods to learn spoken Chinese. One way is to lurch from humiliation to humiliation, in which words are etched into your memory like scars, because they pretty much are.

The other way is, well, actually, I don't know any other way. But I have to hold out the prospect that one exists, at least in theory, just to keep open-minded about the gig.

Here's something else I'll mention: The reverse side of the fortune is blank. Blank! This space is begging to be used as a juicy canvas for advertising. We already know something about the demographic of the medium: it eats Chinese food in restaurants. Furthermore, it's offering at least 60 million views every month.

Ah, when such thoughts come to mind, it means that recess is over. It's time to go back to work. The fortune cookie has served its purpose. No, it didn't deliver any wisdom. But it did amuse me long enough to take my mind off everything for a bit, and, on some days, that's all the fortune you can get. Hopefully, it's all the fortune that you need.

Juggling giants

e have been juggling two investment giants in our tiny palms: military and tourism. They are sizing each other as though preparing for the fight of their life. Neither side has presented a complete package for our purposes. The right information should enable us to map out our future.

We turn into grass that gets crushed in the process. There looms ahead the fiduciary duty to define our future with either beast or both.

What's the emerging contest about? It's economic influence versus military geostrategic investments. Indeed, China uses the former but would eventually move in stride to establish regional hegemony—complete control—of Asia.

The U.S. wants the NMI for military purposes too. It would defend the region with support of allies difficult the quadrilateral process may be. Regardless of all the posturing or jousting the issue is about our future.

Obama's fecklessness on foreign policy must have encouraged China and Iran to begin flexing their muscles. With his fuzzy and less disciplined approach on issues he probably thought the growing tension is a Miss Congeniality contest. His measurable irrelevance or disconnect did nothing but derail confidence within and without the country even among allies in the region. US response has been reactive, rhetorical and confused.

Implication of alliance

Yes, there's the U.S.-Japan alliance that turns defense of the country (Japan) back into the turf of our friends. But such alliance would occur on an incremental basis. It shifts the equation on regional security with use of current bases staying intact.

It implicates the key role Futenma plays in the defense of Japan. Specifically, does it still mean carrying out relocation of Marines to Guam and is there still a need for fire ranges on Tinian and Pagan?

Locally, there emerges a vacuum or genie challenging our perception on the implications of events unfolding quickly requiring cautious navigation and disposition. I know that the agreement is generous when it comes to economic concerns. But the issue is a serious geostrategic matter that may have changed the tenor of such generosity. It's all speculation at this point requiring critical and sober analysis including guidance from within.

Economics vs whatever!

Meanwhile, we know the lack of investments translates into the inability of the NMI to shore up sufficient funds for mounting obligations. And so the endless riddle turns into a seesaw we must figure out blurred our visions may be.

Furthermore, how do we navigate the fickleness of the tourism

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industry with Korea battling MERS, Japan realigning investments and China on virtual war with the U.S.?

Information isn't necessarily cryptic nor are paradigms blurred as we discuss these issues. Rather it is piled into a slew of failed perception among policymakers doubled down by the emergence of geopolitical implications on investments that hover above their heads!

Behind the curtain is a creature known as the "administrative state" comprising of major rules and regulations crafted by federal bureaucrats that are as powerful as statutory laws approved by Congress.

Take a quick glimpse at the dire effects of the feds taking immigration control from the NMI and entry of the US Treasury that legally fined the Tinian Dynasty \$75 million for failing to meet certain requirements on money laundering.

The challenge

Amidst a set of serious challenges that forced more uncertainty ahead it seems fitting that the elected-elite meets to ponder these issues forthwith. This is where our delegate's advocacy role is direly needed, specifically, easing federal immigration policy against the NMI. It needs time to engage in realistic education and training of its local human resource.

Difficult the issues may be, we know equally well Uncle Sam's lackluster performance in the development of the NMI. He delivered the first blow effectively closing the \$2.1 billion apparel industry by taking away immigration control in recent past. But the agreement says he's supposed to provide for a "higher standard of living". It was the complete reverse!

It successfully protected labor union's interest in California over our fate living off highly fragile economic pillars that crumbled instantly. There wasn't even an offer to transition and ease major loss in economic benefits. Federal attitude of inconsequence or in some instances arrogance still burns in our minds. It's our livelihood!

And we stand by the roadside quizzing how do we lure and nurture new investments. It must be guarded so it grows rather than contract from one too many federal laws, rules and regulations. Wish we could leap frog into the future but it only comes one day at a time. It grants us time for some breathing room to think and plan.

12 FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds
5 to 15 mph.

• 88° ▼77°



Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.





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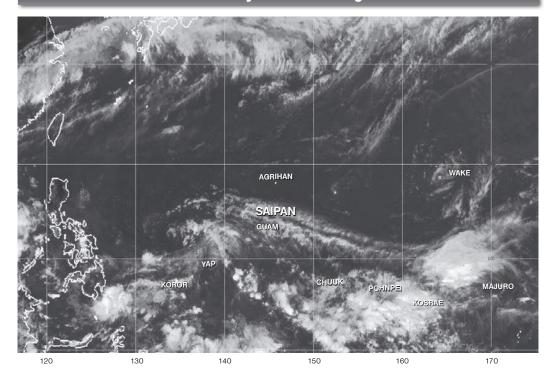
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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough extends eastward from 4N130E through two weak circulations southeast of Yap near 4N143E and southeast of Chuuk near 4N153E then turns southeastward to end near EQ156E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring southwest of Koror between 4N and 7N from 130E to 134E near the equator south of Koror and Yap south of 2N from 130E to 146E and also just south of Chuuk and Pohnpei between the equator and 7N from 150E to 163E. An upper-level low centered just northwest of Yap near 13N137E is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northwest of Yap between 12N and 14N from 134E to 139E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms northeast of Kosrae and Pohnpei between 7N and 11N from 163E to 169E. An upper-level low centered just west of Wake Island near 19N163E is causing a few thunderstorms between 17N and 20N from 163E to 166E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Majuro between 5N and 9N from 175E to beyond 180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 78			
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Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 95	▼ 78
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Paris	Thundershowers	▲ 87	▼ 79
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Rome	Partly Cloudy	≜ 86	₹69
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Free financial aid assistance, notary, and copy services at NMC's Cash for College

The Northern Marianas College is reminding students and members of the community about the free "Cash for College" workshop that will be held tomorrow, June 13, 2015.

The event is aimed at assisting students and their parents maximize scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop will be held at all the NMC campuses in Saipan (Building A at the As Terlaje campus), Tinian (Room D), and Rota (Building A1). The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

At the workshops, participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in

completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, CNMI Scholarship, Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA), the Tinian and Rota Municipal Scholarship, and the TEACH Grant. Workshop participants can also have their financial aid documents notarized and photocopied, all without any charges or fees.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC admission application process.

In addition, those who participate in the workshop will qualify to have their NMC application fee and placement test fees waived for the upcoming Fall 2015 semester. This waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green card), three official transcripts, signed 2014 1040 tax form (2014 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes), and/ or proof of CNMI residency for 2013 and 2014 (for example, CNMI 1040 tax form, employment verification from your employer, official transcripts, voters certification, etc.).

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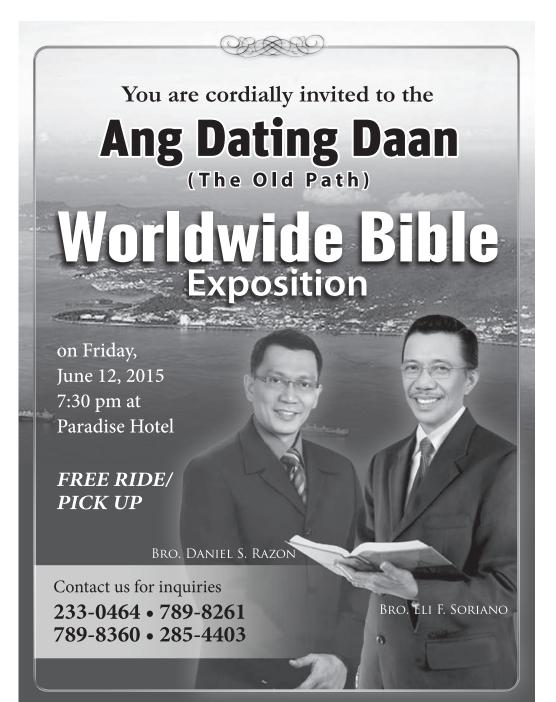
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Muna: CHCC fully supports HR 2635

>> 'Changing law by addressing cap, FMAP great for CNMI, other territories'

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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The Commonwealth Health-care Corp. fully supports Resident Commissioner Pedro Pierluisi's (D-PR) 26-page H.R. 2635, that seeks to level the playing field for Medicare and Medicaid for U.S. territories.

This bill, now with both the U.S House Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means committees, will provide the territories with state-like treatment within well-defined parameters. This could also mean that the annual funding cap would be eliminated.

Each territory would receive a Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage based on its per capita income. As of now, the current FMAP is 55 percent, largely due to the Affordable Care Act.

The U.S. mainland currently has no limit on the amount of funding the federal government will provide for Medicaid as long as the state provides its share of matching funds.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña said the corporation running the hospital is absolutely appreciative of the bill being introduced by Pierluisi and co-sponsors—delegates Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam), and Stacey Plaskett (D-VI).

"The CNMI, like other territories, is not treated the same as other states. Unlike the 50 states, the FMAP for the CNMI and the territories is limited to 50 percent and the funding is capped," Muña said.

"We are fortunate that Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act funds supplement the cap to meet the health care needs for the CNMI population but once the funding is exhausted, the CNMI will have inadequate funds," she added.

With the CNMI receiving only \$109 million in ACA funds for the Medicaid program, once funds are exhausted the hospital could lose millions after the end of fiscal year 2019.

"CHCC is pleased that this bill is introduced and there is again a discussion of this disparity for the people of the CNMI. Changing the law by addressing the cap and the FMAP will be great for the CNMI and the other territories," Muña said.

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14 candidates vying for Queen of the World title

In celebration of its 14th anniversary, the Bayani Association has a special treat, not only for the Filipino community but for the entire CNMI as well. Showcasing beauty, fashion, wit, and talent, contestants of the Queen of the World Gay Beauty Pageant will be competing in five categories: national costume, lingerie wear, talent, evening gown, and the question-andanswer portion.

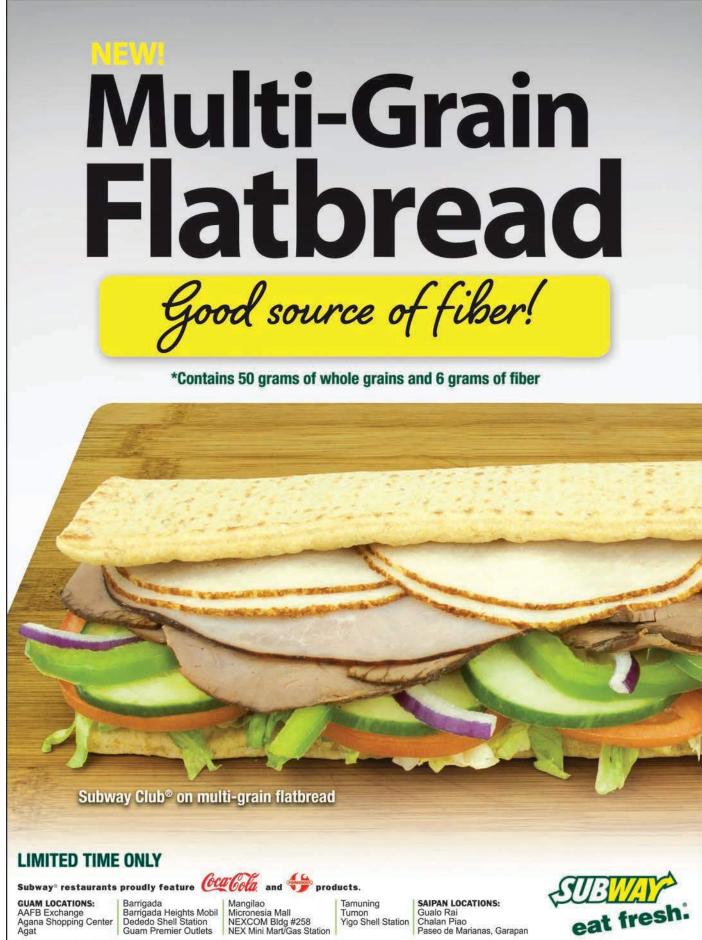
The 14 candidates are Chris, Laura, Bernadette, Jolly, Sunshine, Rica, Georgia, Macy, Nestea, Tammy, Milkshake, Joanne, Babes, and Anne.

Special awards will be also given: Ms. Congeniality, Ms. Photogenic, and Spirit Award with cash, sash, and bouquet. The Queen of the World title as well as the runners-up will be receiving cash prizes, crowns, sashes, and bouquets. All non-winners will have a consolation prize of \$100 cash and will receive certificates of participation.

Bayani president Mario Mayuga assured that all candidates will not leave empty-handed and will get the best that they deserve.

The pageant will be held at the Royal Taga Hall, Saipan World Resort on July 18, 2015, Saturday, from 6pm to 10pm. Doors open at 5pm. This is a fundraising event; tickets for \$10 each are available from all candidates, Bayani officers, and members.

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PH Independence Day today; Pistang Pinoy Sunday

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

The Filipino community in the CNMI is celebrating the 117th anniversary of Philippine Independence today.

Filipino organizations will gather at the McDonald's Middle Road for a flag-raising cer- it of nationalism will be there," emony at 7am.

Messages from Philippine President Benigno Aquino III as well as from agencies like the Department of Labor and Philippine Overseas Employment Agency will be read.

"It will be simple but the spir-

said Philippine honorary consul Eli Arago, who will also be doing the welcoming remarks.

CNMI government officials are invited to the event, including Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

Filipinos are encouraged to

wear barongs and Filipinianas to show their heritage.

"It's a form of respect," United Filipino Organizations president Bong Malasarte said.

After the flag-raising, the community will be having breakfast at the fast food chain.

According to Arago, he will

also fly to Tinian tomorrow to be with Filipinos there.

"The Filipino community on Tinian will also be having a ceremony," Arago said.

The theme for this year's Independence Day is "Kalayaan 2015: Tagumpay sa pagbabagong nasimulan, abot kamay na ng bayan" (Independence 2015: Triumphs through reforms, within nation's reach).

On Sunday, various Filipino organizations will be coming together at the Marianas Business

Plaza for the whole-day festivity of Pistang Pinoy. It will start at 9am and end at 10pm.

According to Malasarte, there will be games, shows, and raffles. Vendors will also be around to serve food. At 6pm they will be starting the main show, which is a singing and impersonating contest.

"We invite everyone especially our kababayans to attend our celebration," Malasarte said.

Major sponsors for this event this year are IT&E and LBC.



CONGRATULATION!

Congratulation to Nakita Marie P. Cabrera on your graduation from the University of Guam, magna cum laude, with a Bachelor of Arts in Education in Special Education, ninor in Psychology. She is the daughter of Frank D. Cabrera and Vivian P. Cabrera of San Vicente, Saipan.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Tottot Family Bash set today

Dandan Middle School will hold its Tottot Family Bash 2015 today, June 12, from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. Entertainment will be provided by Joshua Q. Castro aka Zoszeungzung with friends, Guma' Simiyan Manaina-ta, SMADS, Out of the Ordinary Band, HJHS HDMP Band, and DMS 670 Cultural Club. Food vendors include Lynn's BBQ, Java Joe's, Ice Cream Truck Super Frosty, Hula Girl, Sand Juvy, Shawarma Boy, Matty's BBQ, Buttercups, Hilltop Farms, and Gagu Dunk Booth. DMS Stuco will also serve as the event's photo booth for those who want to have a lasting momento of Tottot Family Bash 2015. (PR)

Military to conduct training at FDM, WA-517

ASAN, Guam—The Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- June 15 from noon to 6pm
- June 16 from 10am to 3pm
- June 17 from noon to 6pm

■ June 18 from 4pm to 11pm The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 June 16-17 from noon to 8pm.

The general public-especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of lati-

tude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. (PR)

Kagman High School schedule of events

- June 12: Final exams not a half day schedule. Regular dismissal at 3:20pm.
- June 15: Make-up day not a half day schedule. Regular dismissal at 3:20pm; end of the year student raffle!
- June 16: Last day of school year 2014-2015! Half-day schedule, dismissal at 12pm.

For more information, call KHS Main Office at 664-3780/237-3840 or email khsayuyu@kagmanhigh.org. (KHS)

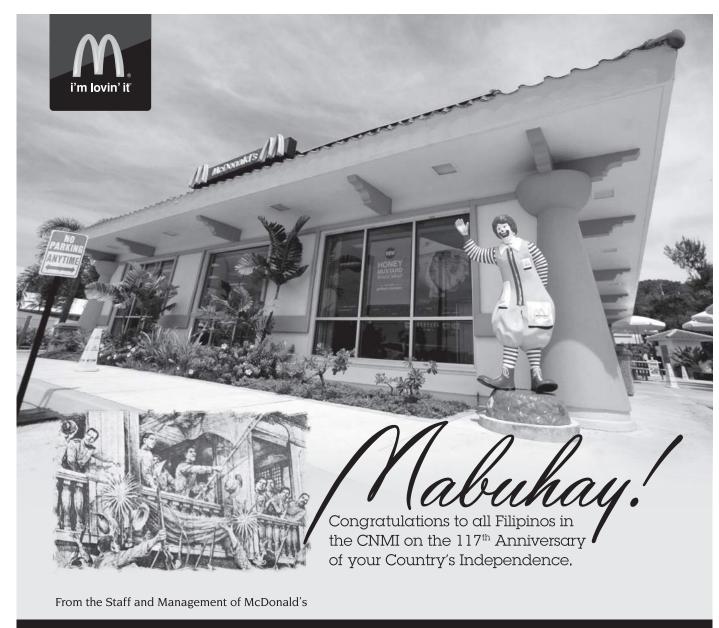
Pediatric CPR/AED with first aid training

The American Red Cross will hold a Pediatric CPR/AED with first aid training on June 27, 2015, from 10am to 3pm at the NMI Chapter Office. Please call the chapter office at 234-3459 for more information. (ARC)

CCA board meeting on June 16

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@ ccamarianas.org. (CCA)







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SAIPAN TRIBUNE FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015 **17**



CONGRATULATIONS AND MABUHAY TO THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY IN CNMI AND AROUND THE WORLD IN CELEBRATION OF



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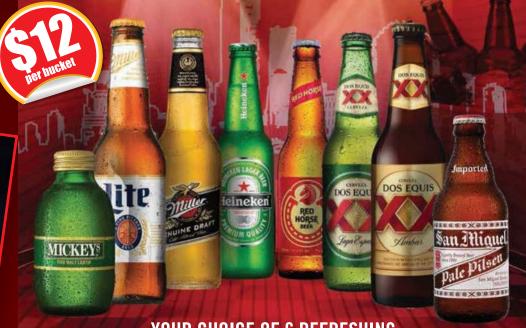
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EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT YOUR BEERS IN BUCKET SPECIAL

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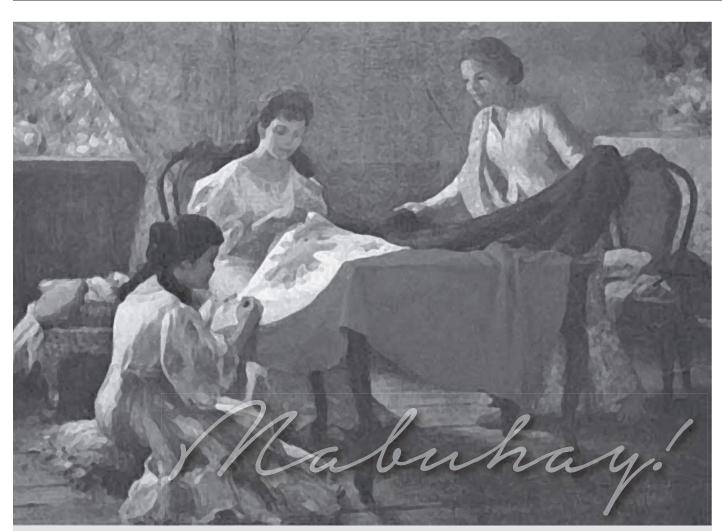
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We join the Filipino community in the CNMI in commemorating the 117th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence.

Greetings from



Kilili: Restore FUDS funding

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) argued for more money for the U.S. military to clean up after itself, during House debate on the fiscal 2016 Defense appropriation yesterday.

There are 24 formerly used defense sites, FUDS, in the Northern Mariana Islands and 5,000 nationwide, in every state and territory. Sablan wants funding kept at \$250 million, the same amount appropriated for fiscal 2015.

Sablan used rusting fuel tanks in the village of Tanapag, as an example of the mess the military has left behind "leaking oil into the ground since Harry Truman was President.

"And, everyday," Sablan said, "kids walking by to school, fishermen in the lagoon just a few feet away, families living with the smell of oil in their homes."

As important as cleaning up the formerly used defense sites is for the environment and public health, the congressman noted, it is also important to the credibility of the U.S. military.

"In the Northern Marianas, today, the Defense Department wants to expand training activities—using live-fire, running pipelines, building

more fuel tanks—doing the very things we know contaminate the environment and threaten public health.

"And the people I represent are saying 'no' to this expanded military activity.

"Restoring FUDS funding will not change anyone's mind about the military's proposed build up in my district," Sablan said.

"But, if the people I represent see Congress cutting funding for FUDS," he added, "then the military's promise [to clean up after itself on Tinian and Pagan] has no credibility at all."

President Obama included \$204 million in his fiscal 2016 budget for the FUDS program. The House Appropriations Committee added \$25 million to that amount in its bill, H.R. 2635.

"It is not enough," Sablan argued. "We have 5,000 sites already identified for clean up nationwide and another 10,000 on the list of potentially contaminated areas.

"The Army Corps of Engineers estimates total clean up costs of \$14 billion. So at \$250 million a year, we will still be having this same discussion 50 years from now.

"We have to do better." (Office of CNMI Delegate)



SAIPAN TRIBUNE FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015 **19**



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-017

WATERLINE REPAIRS, SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to provide construction repair services for identified waterline leaks in the CUC water system. This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract will be awarded to multiple Contractors. The work will consists of excavation and leak repairs on various types of waterlines and appurtenances. Materials for leak repairs are to be provided by CUC. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year, contingent upon funding and if exercised by CUC.

This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and CUC & the US Department of Interior -Bureau of Reclamation. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies.

Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division, by 3:00 p.m. (ChST) on June 26, 2015 in order to be considered

One (1) Original Hard Copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP-15-017, Waterline Repairs, Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on July 14, 2015 A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address cucprocurement@cucgov.org or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission.

The deadline for proposal submittals is July 14, 2015, although this date may be subject to change. Changes to the proposal schedule will be distributed to all registered proponents by the CUC Procurement and Supply office.

Proponents are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proponents due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of proponents' preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Proponents shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proponents.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be considered only from registered proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 30, 2015 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Engineer, Water/Wastewater Division via email yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org.

ALAN W. FLETCHER

MANNY B. SABLAN Purchasing Officer



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-15-018

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF POWER DISTRIBUTION ANNUAL MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified entities for the Supply and Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, based on bids for "Commodity Groups".

Prospective Bidders must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

One (1) Original Hard Copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-15-018, Supply & Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials, Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on July 16, 2015, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address cucprocurement@cucgov.org or alternately include a CD with the copy of the submission.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bid. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract(s) is contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) and the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Board of Director's (BOD) approval. The contract(s) will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 29, 2015 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Alfredo Palattao, CUC Power Division Engineer via email alfredo.palattao@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER

MANNY B. SABLAN Purchasing Officer

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS (DPL) COMMONWEALTH OF THE

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI) GOVERNMENT

RFP15 – RED002

PUBLISHED DATE(S): June 5, June 12, and June 19, 2015 SUBMISSION DEADLINE: July 17, 2015

"LONG-TERM LEASE FOR PUBLIC LAND IN SONGSONG, ROTA"

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from interested and qualified companies or individuals for the purpose of leasing and commercially developing public lands as indicated below:

- 1. Lot Number 014 R 05, containing an area of approximately 22,200 square meters, more or less, in Songsong, Rota, as is (former Pau Pau Hotel); and
- 2. Lot Number 014 R 06, containing an area of approximately 21,068 square meters, more or less, in Songsong, Rota, as is.

The RFP instruction and information package (RFP Packet) is available at the Department of Public Lands office, located on the 2nd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan, during the hours of 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays. A non-refundable fee of **Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (US \$3,500.00**) is required to receive an RFP Packet. Payment must be made by certified or cashier's check payable to: **Department of Public Lands**.

Interested proposers from overseas may request for RFP Packet by mail. The request <u>must be received by DPL</u> no later than <u>June 26, 2015</u>, reference "RFP15- RED002 LONG-TERM LEASE FOR PUBLIC LAND IN SONGSONG, ROTA", and include a certified or cashier's check payable to: *Department of Public Lands* for the amount of US\$3,500.00. Requests and payment should be sent to the address shown below.

The RFP packet issued to proposers will be numbered for identification shall not be copied for distribution to other interested parties.

Questions regarding the Request for Proposals must be received <u>no</u> <u>later than 4:30 pm on Friday, June 26, 2015 ChST</u> and must be submitted in writing via mail, email or facsimile to Mr. Pedro A. Tenorio, Secretary, Department of Public Lands at the following address:

Department of Public Lands P.O. Box 500380 Saipan, MP 96950

Telephone number(s): (670) 234-3751/52/53

Facsimile number: (670) 234-3755 Email: pete.tenorio@dpl.gov.mp

Response to questions shall be shared with all prospective proposers.

Department of Public Lands reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal, if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of public land beneficiaries. All proposals shall become the sole property of the Department of Public Lands.

/s/ PEDRO A. TENORIO
Secretary, Department of Public Lands

20 FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Nation

Hunt for killers expands to Vermont; staffer under suspicion

DANNEMORA, N.Y. (AP)— The manhunt for two escaped killers expanded to campsites and boat slips in Vermont on Wednesday, and State Police said a female prison staff member being questioned may have had a role in helping the men.

At a news conference outside the maximum-security prison, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin said investigators learned that the inmates had talked before last weekend's breakout about going to neighboring Vermont.

"We have information that suggests they thought New York was going to be hot. Vermont would be cooler, in terms of law enforcement," Shumlin said on Day 5 of the search. "And that a camp in Vermont might be a better place to be. We do not."

He and other officials would not say how authorities learned that information.

New York State Police Superintendent Joseph D'Amico also said that a prison employee—identified in news reports as Joyce Mitchell, a training

supervisor at the prison tailor shop—had befriended the killers and "may have had some role in assisting them."

He would not elaborate.

Mitchell's son, Tobey Mitchell, told NBC that she checked herself into a hospital with chest pains Saturday. He said she wouldn't have helped the inmates escape.

Using power tools, inmates David Sweat and Richard Matt cut through a steel wall, broke through bricks and crawled through a steam pipe before emerging

through a manhole in the street one has been suspended, discioutside the 3,000-inmate Clinton Correctional Facility in far northern New York, about 20 miles from the Canadian border.

The breakout was discovered early Saturday, meaning the inmates may have had a head start of several hours, Cuomo said.

Authorities suspect they had help from the inside in obtaining the power tools. Unions representing guards and civilian staff members at the prison said many have been questioned by investigators but no

plined or charged.

Vermont authorities are patrolling Lake Champlain and areas alongside it, Shumlin said. Cuomo urged the people of Vermont to be on the alert and report anything suspicious, warning: "Trust me, these men are nothing to be trifled with."

As part of the search, state troopers and correction officers in helmets and body armor retraced their steps around the

engineer in last month's fatal

Amtrak crash wasn't using his

cellphone to talk, text or down-

load anything just before the

train sped off the tracks, investi-

gators said Wednesday, address-

ing one big question about what

Eight people were killed and

plied with maximum force,

but the train was still traveling

at over 100 mph when it left

In its updated report Wednes-

day, the National Transportation

Safety Board said an examina-

tion of the cellphone of the en-

gineer, Brandon Bostian, also

the tracks.

prison, checking garage doors, sheds, windows and other structures for signs of a break-in or other clues.

More than 450 federal and state law enforcement officers were taking part in the search, including customs agents, federal marshals and park rangers.

But at the late-afternoon news conference, D'Amico confessed: "I have no information on where they are or what they're doing, to be honest with you."

train's Wi-Fi system while he

Bostian suffered a head injury

was operating the locomotive.

in the May 12 crash, and his at-

torney has said he doesn't re-

member anything after the train

pulled out of Philadelphia's

30th Street Station, the last stop

Bostian provided investigators with his passcode to the

While investigators have

phone, allowing them access to

ruled out the most obvious uses

of the phone before the crash,

they have not eliminated some others such as the use of an app,

NTSB board member Bella

Dinh-Zarr said at a Senate

Commerce Committee hearing on train safety Wednesday. The

agency says that to determine

whether the phone was pow-

ered off, investigators in its

laboratory have been examin-

ing its operating system, which

contains more than 400,000

before the derailment.

the data, the NTSB said.

NTSB: Amtrak engineer wasn't

WASHINGTON (AP)—The indicated he didn't access the

talking, texting on cellphone

Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building

(Tel: 234-9661 ● Fax: 234-9666 ● e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

Preliminary Matters 1. Call to Order

- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of 5/28/15 meeting minutes
 Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings

Conditional Use Application #2014-3667: Sunleader is proposing to construct and operate a hotel consisting of 34 rooms with a girl shop and emenities. This use is classified as "Hotel" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be situated on lot #007 D 41, Beach Road in Garapan, between Saipan Oceanview Hotel and Majesty Restaurant. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

Conditional Use Application #2015-2143: Pacific Corporation is proposing to operate an auto/machinery shop to include general maintenance, repairs, body work, painting, rustproofing, car washing & detailing, lubrication, and muffler shop. This use is classified as "Vehicle Repair, General" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be situated on lot 1865 New-5, behind Pacific Airconditioning and adjacent to Blue Water Homes. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

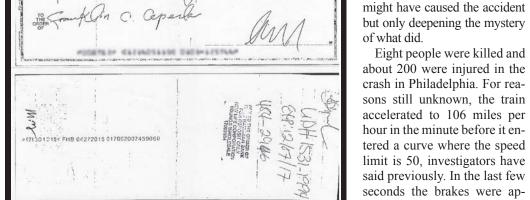
C. Communications

- D. Old Business
- New Business
 - Office Operations Report (permits/ enforcement)
- F. Executive (Closed) Session
- G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

NOTICE



DO NOT ACCEPT CHECKS FROM FRANKLIN C. CEPEDA **AS PAYEE, MAKER OR SIGNATORY**

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COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

Main Office: SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT P.O. BOX 501055 • SAIPAN • MP 96950-1055 Phone: (670) 237-6500/1 Fax: (670) 234-5962 E-Mail Address: cpa.admin@pticom.com • Website: www.cpa.gov.mp

PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE TRACTOR MOWER TO ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA

INVITATION FOR BID CPA-IFB -006-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting bids for the procurement and delivery of one Tractor Mower for the Benjamin T. Manglona, Rota International Airport.

The Bid Package is available beginning May 22nd, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package: "Bid: Tractor/Mower for the Rota International Airport-CPA-IFB-006-15. CONFIDENTIAL"

One (1) original and two (2) copies of the bid must be received at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor-Arrivals Building, Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, no later than 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, Friday, June 26, 2015. Bids will be opened at 3:00 P.M., June 26, 2015 at the CPA Conference Room,

Questions and/or clarifications regarding this IFB, the Tractor Mower and its Specifications shall be in writing and emailed to atudela@cpa.gov.mp (Alex Tudela/Procurement Officer) no later than June 22, 2015. Any question or clarification will not be entertained after June 22, 2015. Answers to questions and/or clarifications will be provided to each vendor or individual receiving a bid package.

Bids received after the above closing date and time of this Invitation for Bid will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all bids if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

MaryAnn Q. Lizama **Executive Director**

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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT **BUILDINGS PAINTING PROJECT** PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-008-15

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the "CPA") is accepting sealed bids, subject to the terms and conditions of this Invitation for Bids (the "IFB") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract for the Saipan International Airport Buildings Painting Project, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This IFB is issued Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIAC"). Title 40, including Chapter 40-50-205, Invitation for Bids, of the NMIAC is applicable to the process followed by this IFB.

The BID package which includes the scope of work and other considerations upon /ment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning June 05th, 2015. Payment of the fee shall be made at the CPA Accounting Office located on the 2nd Floor of the Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Bid for Saipan International Airport Buildings Painting Project, CPA-IFB-008-15". One original and three (3) copies of the bid must be submitted no later than 4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, TUESDAY, JULY 10th, 2015, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 26th, 2015 at the CPA Conference Room, 2ND Floor of the Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport, Attendance at this pre-bid conference is not mandatory; however, all bidders are requested to attend. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the pre-bid conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation for Bids; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA



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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT INTERIOR PLANTS SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-004-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals from interested plant nurseries, for the supply, service and maintenance of Interior (indoor) Plants at the Saipan International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The scope of work entails providing interior plants for a period of two (2) years as detailed in the Scope of Work. The proposal package which includes the scope of work and evaluation Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on **June 8, 2015**. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Saipan International Airport Interior Plant Service and Maintenance. One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, June 24, 2015, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

Questions pertaining to this RFP must be in writing and address to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority either by facsimile at 234-5962 or email: cpa.mqlizama@pticom.com. no later than June 19, 2015. Response will be issued by formal written addenda and afforded to all proposers who have picked up the proposal package

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request For Proposals: or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be n the best interest of CPA. CPA

Further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

CPA assumes no responsibilities in any act of omission on the part of offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of offeror's preparation of the proposal or supply under the contract.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA

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ASIAN BRIEFS

Constitutional questions grow over Japan PM's military plans

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's pledge to the U.S. to increase Japan's military contribution internationally is facing more questions about potential conflicts with the nation's pacifist Constitution. Opposition lawmakers demanded answers from key Cabinet members at a hearing Wednesday, after three prominent constitution experts—including one chosen by Abe's ruling party—unanimously told a parliamentary committee last week that legislation allowing Japanese troops to defend foreign militaries would violate the war-renouncing Article 9 of Japan's postwar constitution. The development energized the opposition, adding to unease within the ruling party as public opinion polls show both opposition to Abe's security legislation and confusion about why it's needed. It also raises questions about how far Japan can expand its military activities under its U.S.-drafted constitution, and whether it should be revised.

SKorea cuts key rate as **MERS** emerges as threat to recovery

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)— South Korea's central bank lowered its key interest rate to a historic low on Thursday, responding to a slump in exports and the prospect that the outbreak of the deadly MERS virus could slow the economy. Bank of Korea policymakers cut the policy rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 1.5 percent, the second rate cut this year. In March, the bank lowered the key rate and downgraded its growth forecast for Asia's fourth-largest economy as exports continued to slump. Consumption was on track to recover but began showing signs of contraction after the outbreak of MERS last month, while the decline in exports widened, the central bank said in a statement. Exports and imports continued to drop over a year earlier after the March rate cut due to sluggish global demand and a weak Japanese yen. The cheaper yen hurt Korean exporters, especially automakers that compete with Japanese rivals in the global market.

China assembles **60-strong team to** probe deadly ship sinking

BEIJING (AP)—China has assembled a team of 60 investigators to look into last week's river cruise ship sinking following orders from President Xi Jinping to find the cause of the country's worst maritime disaster in nearly seven decades. Just 14 people survived the capsizing of the Eastern Star on the

evening of June 1 as the ship was carrying 456 people, many of them elderly tourists, on a cruise to the Yangtze River port of Chongqing. Authorities have attributed the sinking to a freak storm that generated tornadolike winds, but also have placed the surviving captain and his first engineer in police custody. Extensive interviews have been conducted with surviving crew members, witnesses, those who designed and modified the ship and others, state broadcaster CCTV reported Wednesday. It said 60 specialists have been gathered for the investigative team.

Mumbai court bans joyriding in iconic horse-drawn carriages

MUMBAI, India (AP)—The blingy joyrides will soon be ending in Mumbai. Tourists hoping to roll down the city's cacophonous streets in one of its famed, horse-drawn carriages will have to do so before June 2016, when a court has ordered the carriages be banned, saying it was a form of animal cruelty. The singlecarriages—festooned with bright, flashy lights, plastic hibiscus blooms and tinsel ornaments-have long been a draw for visitors to India's cramped and cobblestoned financial capital. Known as Victoria carriages, they were once popular with wealthy families in 19th century England, and are recognizable for their large wheels and for allowing passengers to sit face-to face. But "the activity of using horse-driven carriages only for joyrides solely for human pleasure is an avoidable activity' and "illegal," the Mumbai High Court said in a ruling issued this week after a charity alleged cruelty to the blinkered beasts of burden, according to the Press Trust of India news agency.

Malaysia detains 4 accused of posing naked at quake-hit peak

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Police have detained four Westerners accused of posing naked to take photos on a Malaysian mountain—an act that has been blamed for causing the earthquake that killed 18 climbers last week. Police obtained a court order to detain them for four days while they're investigated for indecent behavior, Sabah state police chief Jalaluddin Abdul Rahman said Wednesday. Two Canadian siblings and a Dutch male surrendered at a police station in Sabah on Tuesday evening, he said. A British woman was detained at a Sabah airport earlier Tuesday while trying to fly to Kuala Lumpur. Malaysia's Foreign Affairs Ministry earlier identified the siblings to The Canadian Press news agency as Lindsey Petersen and Danielle Petersen.



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 15-022 Opening Date: Thursday, June 04, 2015 | JVA No. 15-031 Closing Date: Until filled.

Executive Director

LOCATION(S): Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

Based on credentials and specialized experience as a utility executive in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the

District of Columbia. CONTRACT: Two-year, subject to renewal.

POSITION(S): One (1).

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office

JVA No. 15-023 Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015 Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Petroleum Compliance Manager

(Also known as Technical Manager for Oil)

LOCATION(S): Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

Based on credentials and specialized experience as a Petroleum Compliance Manager in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia.

POSITIONS:

SALARY:

CONTRACT: Two-year, subject to renewal.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office

JVA No. 15-024 Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015 Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Assistant: Lineperson

LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution Section, Tinian, Northern

Mariana Islands, USA. SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum. POSITIONS: One (1). CONTRACT: Not Contracted

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human

Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-025 Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015

Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Maintenance Worker

LOCATION: Administration (Dan Dan Office), Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA SALARY: \$14, 704,00 per annum

POSITIONS: One (1). CONTRACT: Not Contracted

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human

Resource Office

JVA No. 15-026 Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015

Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Dispatch Operator LOCATION: Call Center, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum. CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human

Resource Office

JVA No. 15-027 Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015

Safety Compliance Technician

LOCATION: Administration, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY: POSITIONS: One (1). CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human

Resource Office

JVA No. 15-028 Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015 Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Assistant

LOCATION: Wastewater Division, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. \$16,742.00 per annum. SALARY:

POSITIONS: Two (2).

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human

JVA No. 15-029 Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015 Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Administrative Assistant

LOCATION: Water Division, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.

POSITIONS: One (1). CONTRACT: Not Contracted

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-030 Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015 Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Assistant

LOCATION: Water Division, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. \$16,742.00 per annum.

POSITIONS: Seven (7). CONTRACT: Not Contracted

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015 Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Fiscal Assistant

LOCATION: Financial Accounts Section, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

\$16.742.00 per annum. SALARY: POSITIONS: Two (2). CONTRACT: Not Contracted

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015 JVA No. 15-032

Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Fiscal Technician

LOCATION: Financial Accounts Section, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

\$20.826.00 per annum SALARY: POSITIONS: Three (3). CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human

Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-033 Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015 Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Fiscal Assistant: Meter Reader

LOCATION: Financial Accounts Section, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA

\$16,742.00 per annum. SALARY: POSITIONS: Six (6). CONTRACT: Not Contracted

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Resource Office

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015 JVA No. 15-034

Closing Date: Monday, July 06, 2015

Senior Engineer: Licensed Electrical Engineer

LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY: \$48,821.00 per annum to \$82,995.00 per annum.

POSITIONS: One (1).

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human

Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-035 Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015

Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Engineer: Electrical Engineer

LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. \$40,084.00 per annum to \$54,113.00 per annum. SALARY:

POSITIONS: One (1).

CONTRACT: Not Contracted

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office

JVA No. 15-036 Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015

Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Administrative Technician

LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. SALARY: \$20,826.00 per annum.

POSITIONS: One (1). CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human Resource Office.

JVA No. 15-037 Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015

Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Technician: Meter Technician, Electrical Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

LOCATION: \$20,826.00 per annum. SALARY:

POSITIONS: Two (2). CONTRACT: Not Contracted

For minimum requirements and full description, stop by or contact the Human

Opening Date: Friday, June 05, 2015 JVA No. 15-038

Closing Date: Friday, June 19, 2015

Trades Assistant: Lineperson

LOCATION: Power: Transmission & Distribution, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA

SALARY: \$16,742.00 per annum.

POSITIONS: Seven (7). CONTRACT: Not Contracted

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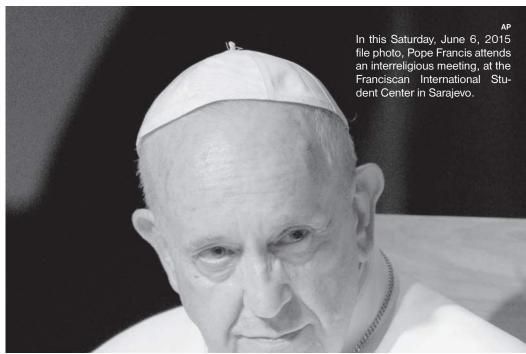
Pope creates tribunal for bishop negligence in abuse cases

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis took the biggest step yet to crack down on bishops who cover up for priests who rape and molest children, creating a new tribunal inside the Vatican to hear cases of bishops accused of failing to protect their flock.

The initiative, announced Wednesday, has significant legal and theological implications, since bishops have long been considered masters of their dioceses and largely unaccountable when they bungle their job, with the Vatican stepping in only in cases of gross negligence.

That reluctance to intervene has prompted years of criticism from abuse victims, advocacy groups and others that the Vatican had failed to punish or forcibly remove bishops who moved predator priests from parish to parish, where they could rape again, rather than report them to police or remove them from ministry.

The Vatican said Francis had approved proposals made by his sexual abuse advisory board, which includes survivors of



abuse as well as experts in child protection policies. The proposals call for a new mechanism by which the Vatican can receive and examine complaints of "abuse of office" by bishops, and bring them to trial in a Vatican tribunal.

A special new judicial sec-

tion, with permanent staff, will be created inside the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "to judge bishops with regard to crimes of the abuse of office when connected to the abuse of minors," a Vatican statement said.

Details must still be worked out, including possible punishments and the statute of limitations to determine whether old cases of negligence by bishops dating back 20 or 30 years can now be heard.

The congregation currently reviews all cases of priests who have abused minors and the statute of limitations is 20 years,

waive that limit.

"I sincerely believe this is a real step forward," commission member Marie Collins, herself

though the congregation can a survivor of abuse, told The Associated Press in an email. "Time will tell the effectiveness of the new measure, but I am hopeful."

WORLD BRIEFS

Extremist attack in southern Mali kills 2, raises fears

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)—Authorities say dozens of Islamic militants on motorcycles have attacked a town in southern Mali near the border with Ivory Coast. A security official in the Sikasso region told The Associated Press that the Malian army had come under attack early Wednesday. The gunmen killed two people during the assault just after 1 a.m., said the official who spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to speak to journalists. The official said the militants planted a black jihadi flag in the town of Misseni before leaving.

Greek leader meets creditors, seeks bailout breakthrough

BRUSSELS (AP)—Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras reinforced his diplomatic offensive on Wednesday to try to convince European creditors to pay out the bailout loans the country needs to avoid default. The creditors have made it clear that Greece has to improve its offer of economic reforms before they release 7.2 billion euros (\$8.1 billion) the country needs to pay debts due at the end of the month. Tsipras had a short meeting with EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and another with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande that lasted into early Thursday. He planned to continue talks with Juncker on Thursday.

Polish officials resign over eavesdropping scandal

WARSAW, Poland (AP)-Four Polish government ministers and the parliamentary speaker resigned on Wednesday amid a revived 2014 scandal over secret recordings made of them and other officials. In an unexpected political shake-up, the ministers of health, sports, the treasury and security, and parliamentary speaker Radek Sikorski, said they were stepping down for the good of the ruling Civil Platform party just four months before a general election. Four junior government officials also resigned in a major crisis for the pro-business party, which has been in power for almost eight years. The party is under pressure after a surprise defeat last month in the presidential election of the incumbent—a former party member-which exposed growing dissatisfaction with Civic Platform policies.

Suicide bomber strikes near ancient temple in Luxor, Egypt

LUXOR, Egypt (AP)—Militants tried to attack the ancient temple of Karnak in southern Egypt on Wednesday, with a suicide bomber blowing himself up and two gunmen battling police. No sightseers were hurt in the thwarted assault, but it suggested that Islamic extremists are shifting targets from security forces to the country's vital tourism industry.

The violence left the bomber and one gunman dead, the other

wounded and arrested, and four other people wounded. The temple was not damaged.

The attackers carried guns in backpacks, and one wore a belt of explosives. They rode in a taxi through a police checkpoint to a parking lot and sat at a cafe and ordered lemonades, witnesses told The Associated Press. The taxi driver, suspicious after they refused his offer to help with the packs, alerted police.

When a policeman ap-

proached, the bomber tried to hug him, but the policeman wrestled away. Seconds later, he detonated the explosives, and the others pulled automatic weapons from their bags and opened fire wildly, sending a small group of European tourists running for cover, the witnesses said.

The attack followed one this month outside the famed Giza Pyramids in which gunmen killed two policemen. The violence points to a change in tactics by Islamic militants against the government of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. For two years, attacks have been centered in the Sinai Peninsula, mostly by a group that has sworn allegiance to the Islamic State group and largely focused on retaliation against police and soldiers.

A campaign against tourism, one of the main sources of foreign revenue, could deal a blow to el-Sissi's promises to repair Egypt's economy.



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR MASTER PLANNING SERVICES **SAIPAN HARBOR MASTER PLAN**

PROJECT NO. CPA-SS-001-15

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Master Planning Services for the Saipan Harbor, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

These services are being funded by CPA. The service procurement is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package will be available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. No fee is required for obtaining the RFQ package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, June 12, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Similar work experience in harbor master planning, including, but not limited to needs analysis, design, cost estimating, environmental review and permitting (25 points)

 Capability to perform all aspects of the project, such as analysis, planning, environmental evaluations, financial analysis and architectural and engineering design (25 points)

 Level of proficiency in performing services promptly; and level of experience with the CPA projects (15 points);
 The general reputation of the consultant in terms of quality of work experience and services performed for projects, and the consultant's professional integrity and competence (15 points);
 Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time (10 points); and
 Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal (10 points).

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, June 29, 2015. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach an selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and

reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so

Send information to:

Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama Commonwealth Ports Authority Saipan, MP 96950-1055

Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: May 20, 2015



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Off The Wall

Cuteness alert! World's smallest deer species born at NY zoo

NEW YORK (AP)—A tiny deer is generating a giant dose of cuteness in New York City.

The Wildlife Conservation Society sent out a baby announcement Monday. It's a boy!

The southern pudu (POO'doo) fawn—the world's smallest deer species—was born May 12 at the Queens Zoo.

The fawn is still nursing but soon will be munching on leaves,

In this May 27, 2015 photo provided by the Wildlife Conservation Society, a southern pudu fawn walks in its enclosure at the Queens Zoo in New York.



OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Missing 50-pound pet tortoise is found alive and well

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)— Frank, a 50-pound pet tortoise, has been found in western Michigan after a two-day search. Owner Bradley Clark tells The Grand Rapids Press that he got a call from someone who said the tortoise was munching on flowers Tuesday, 7 miles from home in Kent County's Ada Township. The female African tortoise disappeared Sunday from Clark's yard in Plainfield Township, near Grand Rapids. Clark believes the 12-year-old tortoise escaped through a damaged part of the fence. Clark says he got about 100 tips. Two girls found Frank about 100 feet from Clark's home and released the tortoise in a field. Clark plans to fix his fence. He says the hunt for Frank has been "kind of a crazy roller coaster."

Man dismissed from jury duty for wearing prisoner costume

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt. (AP)—A Vermont man has escaped jury duty—by getting dismissed for wearing a prisoner costume. James Lowe of Barnet says he was released from jury duty on Tuesday when he showed up to court wearing a black-and-white-striped jumpsuit with a matching beanie. The Caledonian Record reports that

Lowe showed up on time and joined other prospective jurors before the start of the selection process. Deputies directed him to an empty courtroom to meet with the judge, who told him to leave. Lowe says the judge told him he could've been found in contempt of court. That could've meant a fine or iail time. Lowe says the juror instructions don't restrict clothing, but that he's happy to be released because of his work schedule and family obligations.

Truck carrying 2,200 piglets overturns, killing about half

XENIA, Ohio (AP)—Authorities estimate up to 1,100 piglets may have died when a semitrailer carrying 2,200 piglets overturned on an Ohio highway. Agencies and volunteers worked to corral the animals after the crash Monday night on U.S. Route 35 in Xenia Township, near Dayton. Crews picked up squealing pigs by their hind legs. Some may have escaped into wooded areas. Deputy Chief Greg Beegle of the township's fire department says authorities rounded up those they could find before ending the search. He says 1,100 were taken to Greene County Fairgrounds to await transportation. The truck was traveling to Indiana from South Carolina. Beegle says pigs killed were crushed, suffocated or thrown from the truck. Authorities say the uninjured semitrailer driver lost control, slamming into a guardrail. A female passenger had minor injuries.

grain, kale, carrots and hay.

The white spots on his soft brown fur will disappear as he grows up.

ing up" won't be much of a vertical process.

Southern pudus tend to be less than a pound.

In his case, though, "grow- around a foot tall at the shoulder. When they're born, they're only 6 inches high—and weigh



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PUBLIC HEARING

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Governor in cooperation with the Department of Public Works/Energy Division Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) will be conducting a public hearing to present the proposed WAP State Plan for Program Year 2015 and is inviting the General Public to attend this important Public Hearing.

The public hearing will be held at the Energy Division office located on Capitol Hill, House No. 1337 on June 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Individuals who are unable to attend the public hearing in person may submit written comments to the Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House No. 1337, Saipan or by e-mail to cnmienergy@gmail.com or by mail to P.O. Box 500340, Saipan, MP 96950 on or before close of business on Tuesday, June 23, 2015.

Copies of the Draft State Plan will be made available at the Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House No. 1337 beginning Monday, June 15,

For more information, you may contact Thelma B. Inos, Energy Director, at 664-4480/81 or you may visit the Energy Division Office on Capitol Hill, Monday to Friday, except holidays, and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

HINEKKUNGUK PUPBLIKU

I Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha gi Ufisinan Gubietnu yan i ko'operasion i Dipattamentun Che'chu' Pupbliku/Dibision Energy gi Prugraman Asistensian Weatherization (WAP) para u makundudukta hinekkunguk pupbliku ni para u maprisenta i manmaproponi na WAP State Plan para i Prugraman i sakkan 2015 yan ha kumbibida i Pupbliku Henerat para u ma³atendi esti na impottåntin Hinekkunguk Heneråt.

I hinekkunguk pupbliku para u makundukta gi Dibision Energy, giya Capitol Hill, Numirun Guma' #1337, gi Junio 17, 2015, Huebis gi oran alas 5:00 gi pupuengi. Todu indibiyuåt siha ni ti sumiña umatendi i hinekkunguk heneråt siña muna'halum tinigi' upiñon siha guatu gi Dibision Energy, Capitol Hill, Numirun Guma' 1337, Saipan pat i email guatu gi cnmienergy@gmail.com pat na'hānāo i kattām-mu guatu gi P.O. Box 500340, Saipan, MP 96950 gi pat åntis di u mahuchum i ufisina gi , Mattis , Junio 23, 2015.

Kopia siha gi Draft State Plan para u mana'guaha gi Dibision Energy, Capitol Hill, Numirun Guma' 1337 tinituhun gi Lunes, Junio 15, 2015.

Para mås imfotmasion, siña un ågang si Thelma B. Inos, Direktot Energy, gi 664-4480/81 pat siña un bisita i Ufisinan Dibision Energy giya Capitol Hill, Lunis asta Betnis, fuera di holidays, yan gi oran alas 11:30 gi egga'an asta alas 12:30 gi dispues di talu'åni.

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/s/ James A. Ada

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Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the NMC

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Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m., June 18, 2015, at Northern

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This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in

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and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it

All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation

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CAR RENTAL BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECT

The project is being funded by CPA. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations an procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival erminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFO statement nust be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/o mailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, June 5, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultan

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its solopinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:

Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
P.O. Box 501055
Saipan, MP 96950-1055

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interestet consultants for Architectural and Engineering (Arc) Design Services for the expansion of the car rental building at the Francisco C. Add/Sajpan International Airport, Sajpan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island – (25 points);
 A/E Design experience related to airport improvement projects – (25 points);
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 Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time – (10 points);
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 Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

erested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compac c of their statements of professional qualifications no later than 4:30 p.m., June 19, 2015. Statements of qualification st be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

arded an agreement for this project, including excise tax

/s/ Frances A. Castro

Division of Coastal Resources Management

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR





The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Grand Mariana Casino and Hotel Resort under permit application No.SMS-2015-X-029. The permit application was submitted by the Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC to

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

construct a state of the art, upscale gaming hotel within the business district of Garapan between the Fiesta Resort and the Grandrio Resort. The Grand Mariana Casino and Hotel Resort will be built on both public and private lands totaling 447.915 square feet. The proposed project will be featuring an all-suite hotel tower, restaurants, night club, health spa, salon and fitness center, beach club, and meeting facilities with over 220 guest rooms.

The public hearing is scheduled for June 25, 2015, at 5:00PM at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Saipan.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comment during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M, Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Grand Mariana Casino and Hotel project.

> /s/Anita Camacho NMC Procurement Manager

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businesses for this procurement.

/s/ Dr. Tim Kock Dean-Director, NMC CREES **24** FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2015 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Science & Technology

Marriott gets streaming, offers Netflix in hotel rooms

NEW YORK (AP)—Marriott is welcoming cord cutters, making Netflix available to guests in its hotel rooms.

Guests can use their own accounts to sign in to the stream-

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Pssst.

Ready to water that beautiful

lush lawn of yours? The one

that's the envy of the entire

If you live in Southern Califor-

nia you'd better wait until after

midnight. Preferably on a cloudy,

neighborhood.

ing service right now at six hotels, and that will double by the end of the summer.

Marriott plans to expand the service to 100 hotels by the end of 2015, and to nearly all of its

California water wasters beware: #DroughtShaming is on the rise

outage when it's so dark even

night-vision goggles won't give

away your position. Otherwise

you could wind up the star of

the latest drought-shaming video

there. The world is watching a

"Yeah, I put your address out

posted on YouTube or Twitter.

more than 300 U.S. locations by the end of next year, the company said Wednesday.

Non-subscribers can sign up for an account through Marriott International Inc. during their

one of several people who spend

their spare time these days can-

vassing the tony communities

of Beverly Hills, West Holly-

wood and elsewhere, looking

for people wasting water during

the worst California drought in

recent memory. Corcoran alone

stay at the same price offered by Netflix, which starts at \$7.99 per month.

Marriott says it is the first hotel to provide guests direct access to Netflix.

100 videos of water-wasters, complete with their addresses, up on YouTube.

Others tweet out addresses and photos of water scofflaws on Twitter, using hashtags such as (hash)DroughtShaming. Still others are snapping smartphone photos of them and sending them directly to new high Wednesday after com-

Shares of Netflix Inc. hit a pany shareholders cleared the way for a stock split.

Spotify gets fresh investment as

(AP)—Music streaming company Spotify said Wednesday it has gotten a new investment from a Nordic telecoms company as it looks to compete globally, particularly with a rival service that Apple is due to launch this month.

Swedish operator TeliaSonera is paying \$115 million for a 1.4 percent stake, which would value Spotify at about \$8.2 billion.

Based in Stockholm, Sweden, Spotify offers free streaming music and a premium service for a monthly fee that lets users listen to music offline and without advertisements.

It says it has over 20 million paying subscribers, and an-

version of the streaming music service. It has over 30 million songs with over 20,000 added each day.

It is seeing increasing competition, however, with Apple launching its Apple Music streaming service at the end of June.

Though Spotify has managed to grow its revenue, it remains unprofitable. In 2014, the unlisted company increased its revenue by 45 percent to \$1.3 billion but booked a \$197 million operating loss.

It has paid \$3 billion in royalties to rights holders since its start in October 2008, including more than \$300 million in the first three months of 2015.

it faces competition from Apple COPENHAGEN, Denmark other 55 million who use a free

TECH Q & A

Data not insured when iPhone fails

By STEVE ALEXANDER

STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: My son's iPhone 5 had trouble charging its battery using two different power cords. After it wouldn't fully charge several times, he took it to a Verizon Wireless dealer who said the phone was "pretty much gone" because of a flawed connection between the phone and the charger.

As a result, my son lost years of contact information and messages that he thought were backed up by Apple's iCloud online service (the backups weren't made because of the iPhone flaw.)

My son had bought insurance on the phone, but Verizon Wireless said the insurance wasn't applicable to the lost data situation. So what's the point of having insurance? Is there any way to retrieve the iPhone's data so it can be transferred to a new phone?-**Catherine Carty, Osceola, Wis.**

A: We're all responsible for backing up our own data, because no seller of smartphones or computers insures the information stored on them. Your son's iPhone insurance only entitles him to a replacement phone. You can read about the iPhone insurance plans sold by Verizon Wireless at tinyurl.com/q9sbrwp.

If the old iPhone won't retain any electrical charge, there is no way to access the data on it. But, if it will retain at least a small charge, try connecting it by USB cable to a PC with a current version of iTunes. To back up the iPhone's data, including contacts and text messages, see tinyurl.com/oa6pw6f. Then use iTunes to "restore" the backedup data to a new iPhone (see tinyurl.com/ldw5zab).

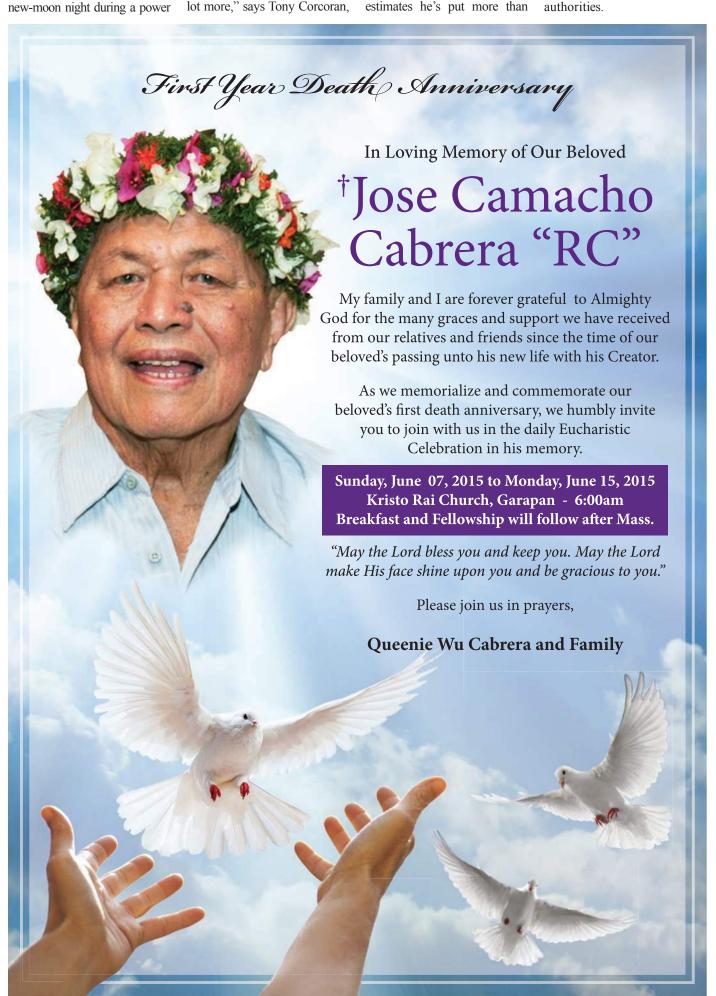
In the future, your son should back up his iPhone to both iCloud and the computer to make sure he doesn't lose any valuable information.

Q: Every time I close my Windows 7 PC, I get a message that says there is a "long running script" that needs to be closed. What causes this, and how do I get rid of it?-Serafin Maskill, San Angelo, Texas

A: Error messages about a "long running script" probably result from the way the Internet Explorer browser interacts with Web pages. Sometimes the error message is triggered because the website you are viewing contains programming flaws. In other cases, the error message results because your PC has software that blocks pop-up messages from opening, and the website you're viewing interprets that action as a software problem.

(If the error message is caused by pop-up ads, the question is where those ads are coming from—a website or your PC. Just in case you have some malicious software on your PC that generates pop-ups, run the free Malwarebytes security program at tinyurl. com/keb4npd to get rid of it.)

To turn off the error message, open Internet Explorer, click on Tools (the gear icon), choose Internet options and click on the "advanced" tab. In the resulting list, check the box next to "disable script debugging" and uncheck the box beside "display a notification about every script error." Alternatively, try using another Web browser that may handle script code differently.



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Life & Style

Carrie Underwood cleans house at CMT Music Awards

By MESFIN FEKADU

Carrie Underwood cleaned house at the country awards show Wednesday with three wins, including video of the year for "Something In the Water," and she even gave a shoutout to her 3-month-old son.

"This is my first awards show since little Isaiah has been in the world," said Underwood, who gave birth in late February and sported a skin-tight white dress. "I'm sure he's napping on the

Gwen Stefani returning as coach of 'The Voice' next season

NEW YORK (AP)—Gwen Stefani is returning as coach of NBC's "The Voice" for its ninth season.

The network announced Wednesday that Stefani would be back on the job joining coaches Adam Levine, Blake Shelton

and Pharrell Williams.

Ste fani is a three-time Grammy winner who has sold more



Stefani

than 30 million albums worldwide.

She made her "Voice" debut in the seventh season. She now is replacing Christina Aguilera. Levine and Shelton have been "Voice" coaches since the series began in 2011. This will be Williams' third season.

Carson Daly will return as host for the series. The new season begins in September.

bus right now, but I should defi- has my husband, Mike." nitely say that he has already

The show in Nashville, Ten-



Carrie Underwood accepts the award for video of the year for "Something in The Water" at the CMT Music Awards at Bridgestone Arena on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, in Nashville, Tenn.

fourth consecutive victory for video of the year.

The 32-year-old songstress, who also performed, is the most decorated CMT Award winner with 13 awards, including six for video of the year. She walked into the Bridgestone Arena with five nominations she was the leader—and also won female video of the year for "Something In the Water" and collaborative video of the

Miranda Lambert. She earned two nominations for both video of the year.

While country stars, from Luke Bryan to Florida Georgia Line, dominated the awards show, a video skit about rushing to the CMT Awards starred Arnold Schwarzenegger, Alan Jackson, Steven Tyler, Rick Springfield, Tom Arnold and

year for "Somethin' Bad" with Justin Bieber, who said he loved Bryan in the clip.

"Yeah, Bieber loves me," video of the year and female Bryan said onstage when he won male video of the year for "Play It Again."

> Bryan was just one of the many performers, and he worked the crowd when he sang "Kick the Dust Up," the first single from his hotly anticipated new album, "Kill the Lights," due out Aug. 7.

Jimmy Fallon wants to give dads a win with his new book

NEW YORK (AP)—Jimmy Fallon spends his evenings as host of NBC's "The Tonight Show," having fits of laughter with Bradley Cooper, pretending to be a teenage girl whose favorite word is "Ew!" and coming up with hashtags, but the favorite part of his day is when he's at home, reading to his almost 2-year-old daughter, Winnie Rose. (His second daughter, Frances Cole, is a baby.)

"It's a really good bonding moment. I know I'm going to miss those days," Fallon said in a recent interview.

He happily listed the titles from his inventory of children's books like "Moo, Baa,

La La La!" by Sandra Boynton. "Oh my gosh, it's a great book," he gushed.

Now he's adding his own book to that inventory—"Your Baby's First Word Will Be Dada" (Feiwel & Friends), available in hardcover or as a board book.

"It's a secret mission that no one really discusses when you have a baby. What's baby's first word gonna be? These days the baby's first word is normally iPad," he joked.

Fallon said he was blatantly obvious trying to get Winnie to say "dada."

"I tried to trick my daughter into saying 'dada' because I wanted it to be her first word. I would call everything 'dada.' I'd point to her bottle and go 'dada,' and I'd point to her food and say 'dada.' I really didn't care if she was smart or anything. I just wanted her to say that for the history books," he said.

His efforts didn't work. Fallon said her first word was mama. (His wife is producer Nancy Juvonen.)

Fallon, 40, said he also picked up on what young ones like about story time.

Comedian Kathy Griffin announces 80-city comedy tour

NEW YORK (AP)—Kathy Griffin is feeling inspired by the latest news in pop culture, so she's launching an 80-city comedy tour with all new material.

The "(hash)LIKEABOSS" tour kicks off June 20 in Washington, D.C., at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

In a statement, Griffin said she has "a self-diagnosed, standup comedy disorder" and "must share my thoughts on Caitlyn (Jenner), Barbra Streisand and those adorable Duggars."

Griffin's live shows are largely improvised with the comic gossiping, going off on tangents and telling stories from her outrageous experiences in Hollywood.

The two-time Emmy and Grammy Award-winner has hosted 23 comedy specials on TV.

Griffin started out the year as a panelist on E!'s "Fashion Police," taking over for the late Joan Rivers. She left the show after seven episodes, writing on Twitter that it didn't fit with her kind of comedy.

Actress Raven-Symone named co-panelist of ABC's 'The View'

NEW YORK (AP)—Raven- tors," she said, adding, "Guys! Symone is now officially a cohost of "The View."

After 37 appearances as guest co-host on the weekday talk show, she joins the panel alongside moderator Whoopi Goldberg and co-hosts Nicolle Wallace and Rosie Perez effective immediately. Her co-panelists made the announcement on Wednesday's edition.

"I'm very happy to be sitting with these smart talented men-

Let's have some fun!'

Raven-Symone, 29, is widely known for her role in the comedy series "That's So Raven" for Disney Channel along with "The Cosby Show" and "Hangin' with Mr. Cooper."

In 2012, she headlined the Broadway musical "Sister Act," produced by Goldberg.

Recent credits include roles on the ABC comedy "black-ish" and on Fox's drama "Empire" as well as the upcoming animated feature, "Animal Crackers."

"Raven-Symone is a welcome addition to 'The View," the program's creator and executive producer, Barbara Walters, said in a statement. "She is happy, amusing and well informed, and has already brought a unique perspective to the program that has resonated with our audience."

"The View" airs weekdays on ABC. It is in the final weeks of its 18th season.

Mom sent daughter to college and now is stuck with debt

EAR ABBY: I am a single woman who borrowed \$80,000 to send my daughter to college with the understanding that she would take over the payments once she was professionally established. She is now so "into" her new lifestyle that she is refusing to have contact with her "poor" birth mother. She refuses to take responsibility for repaying the loan, which is in my name, and says "tough luck" to my

This means I will have to continue working until I drop dead. Abby, I am 60. Is there any help for me? Has this happened to other baby boomers?

POOR BIRTH MOTHER IN GEORGIA

DEAR POOR: Sadly, yes it has. And no, there isn't help for you. Because the agreement with your daughter was verbal and wasn't put in writing, you don't have a legal means to force her to assume the loan payments.

DEAR ABBY: I have a difficult situation at work. A co-worker lost her driver's license two years ago, and I began providing her transportation. In the beginning it was occasional, but now it's almost daily. I don't know how to get out of this situation because it is taking a toll on me and my time.

She has somewhat compensated me for gas, but I have two jobs and family obligations that limit my time off, and I just can't continue this taxi service. We work side-by-side at my day job. I care

about her and our friendship, but can no longer continue allowing her hardship to be my hardship. Abby, please advise how to break the news to her.

NOT A TAXI SERVICE

DEAR NOT: Explain it to your co-worker just as you have explained it to me—that it has become more time-consuming and stressful than you can handle, given your other obligations. Rather than cut her off cold turkey, give her some notice—say a week—to arrange for other transportation. Do not apologize or feel guilty about doing so. You have been more generous and supportive than many people would have.

P.S. You didn't mention why she lost her driving privileges, but if it's still possible for her to reapply for a driver's license, vou should suggest it.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are part of a tight-knit social group. There are four couples who get together for dinner once or twice a week. We all decide on a theme beforehand and bring a dish, potluck-style. My problem is that one of the couples will announce during dinner, "Those potatoes are our leftovers from three days ago," or, "We had this for dinner last night."

Is it just me, or is that gross? I always prepare something fresh for these dinners, as does everyone else. They are not struggling for money, and time isn't the issue. Should I say something? I tend to ignore what they bring, but I think they will notice eventually.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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Is this something I should keep my mouth shut about? Or is it bad manners to feed someone else your leftovers?

POTLUCK IN OREGON

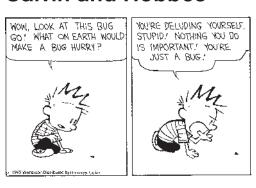
DEAR POTLUCK: Bad manners? No. Lacking in tact? Yes. Keep in mind that some dishes taste better the next day, after the flavors have had time to meld. If the other couples in the group feel as you do, the "offending" couple should be informed. However, if you are the only person who's turned off, then keep your mouth shut and continue to "pass" on what they bring.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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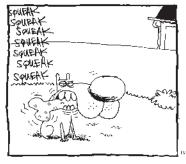
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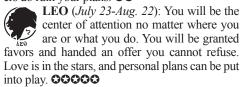
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LeBron, Cavs fighting fatigue, injuries in NBA Finals

CLEVELAND (AP)—His eyes were slits, barely open. LeBron James looked as if he could nod off at any second, drop his head on the table and take a much-deserved nap.

Carrying a team, along with the hopes of a city desperate for a championship is exhausting.

"Obviously, I'm not getting much sleep," he said.

Or a lot of help.

Through sheer force and will, James is not only pushing the banged-up Cavaliers forward in these NBA Finals, he's piecing together an historic personal performance. Playing the way he has to, but not how he prefers, James has his team within two wins of a title that even he didn't think was likely when the season began.

Yet here are the Cavs, down two All-Stars, their fill-in point guard trying to re-hydrate himself after being hospitalized for dehydration and their best perimeter defender barely able to lift his left arm over his head, leading the Golden State Warriors 2-1 heading into Game 4 on Thursday night.

After scoring 40 points in Game 3, James didn't watch TV highlights of Cleveland's 96-91 win. Instead he popped on an episode of the Food Network show "Chopped" at 2:30 a.m. He claims to be unaware that he's doing something special.

"I know we're up 2-1. I know our team is fighting for our lives. We're undermanned. We're under-matched and we're fighting," he said. "That's all I know."

In three games, including two that went to overtime, James has scored 123 points, breaking Rick Barry's previous finals record of 122 set in 1967. He's scoring more because he's shooting more, forced to pick up the slack with Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love—the other two-thirds of Cleveland's Big 3—recovering from surgeries.

The stats are eye-popping, but James' biggest contributions can't be found in the box score. He's dictating the tempo of each game either by milking the 24-second shot clock or attacking the rim when the moment's right.

"He's playing inside, outside, trying to get to the line, mixing it up a little bit," said Warriors guard Andre Iguodala, who has matched up against James. "He's trying to work it to his ad-

James has had the upper hand so far, but the Warriors left the floor after Game 3 feeling encouraged. They rallied from a 20-point deficit and were within 1 point before the Cavs closed them out.

League MVP Stephen Curry made five 3-pointers and scored 17 in the fourth quarter, but had three costly turnovers that hindered Golden State's comeback.



The Cavs need to keep Curry corralled, and that job has belonged to guard Matthew Dellavedova. He scored 20 points but pushed himself too hard in Game 3 and wound up in the Cleveland Clinic being treated for severe cramping. Dellavedova was released from the hospital Wednesday in time to

join his teammates for their film session and a light workout at Quicken Loans Arena.

He expects to be ready for

"I told him I was going to limit his minutes," Cavs coach David Blatt said. "And he said, 'No, you're not.' Delly's tank is low, but we're doing everything

we can to fill it back up."

Dellavedova has blossomed into a cult hero in Cleveland, where fans have embraced his hustle and heart. He threw himself all over the floor for 38 minutes in Game 3, once diving over Cleveland's bench and into the second row of seats while trying to save the ball.

"Everything that he has, he lays out on the floor. I think he dove on the ground last night an NBA Finals record six times," James joked. "And he was on the ground again in the hospital, so you could say seven times."

James laughed when a reporter from Australia asked if he would be in favor of the government in his teammate's homeland knighting him.

Sir Delly?

"I'm all for it," James said, cracking up. "Whatever that guy wants or needs, I'm all for."

The Cavs also got positive news on guard Iman Shumpert, who bruised his left shoulder in Game 3 but didn't sustain any structural damage.

"I'm all right, this isn't the regular season," Shumpert said. "It would take a lot for me not to play."

It remains to be seen if James can continue to play at his astounding level. At some point, physical and mental fatigue will wear him down, but two wins from a title he's not about to

"It's been a difficult challenge," he said. "Being the sole leader of a team and franchise. it's taxing. But I accept the challenge. I accept it all."

SIDEBAR

Warriors confident of another comeback in the NBA Finals

CLEVELAND (AP)—All things considered, the Golden State Warriors would rather have been golfing.

That's what some players did the last time they found themselves in this situation, when they were getting outmuscled and even outhustled, banged and beaten by a bigger team.

They couldn't get a tee time Wednesday. NBA Finals rules required the team to come to the arena for media obligations on the off day.

"So it's going to be dark by the time we get out of here," swingman Andre Iguodala

But just as they fought their way out of that situation against Memphis in the Western Conference semifinals, they believe they will overcome another 2-1 deficit now against Cleveland.

"We'll figure out our game and the adjustments we need to make as we watch film later today, and we'll be ready tomorrow to give our best effort," MVP Stephen Curry said. "I feel like we're pretty confident we can turn this around."

They've accomplished it before, against a team that did some of the same things the Cavaliers are doing now.

The Grizzlies, with big bodies inside, play a rugged style reminiscent of Eastern Conference basketball. They won Game 2 at Oracle Arena and came home to win Game 3 in that series, sending Golden State to the video room.

The Warriors didn't even go to the gym before Game 4 in Memphis, instead watching two hours of film in a hotel ballroom when the players weren't on the course. Coach Steve Kerr said they might've done the same thing Wednesday if they didn't have to report to Quicken Loans Arena, but planned to watch tape at some point.

"We will watch significant parts of it, but the similarity is there," Kerr said. "Physical team that slows it down, like Memphis did. Our frustration with our pace and tempo is there. So it's very similar and it's very helpful that we've been through this process. Obviously, the personnel is different; the teams are different. But it's something we've been through, and that is a positive that we can draw

on that experience."

Golden State has averaged just 97.3 points in this series, even with two games going to overtime, after leading the NBA with 110 per game during the regular season. The Warriors were held to 90 and 89 in their back-to-back losses to the Grizzlies, then bounced back with 102.3 per game in running off three straight victories.

"We're down 2-1 on the road. Same sequence of games, win-loss-loss, so very similar situations," Curry said. "Obviously a different team, so heads-up," Cleveland coach you've got to adjust accordingly. But the mission is we've got to win Game 4. Go home with an even series and take it from there."

A better performance from Draymond Green would help. The runner-up for Defensive Player of the Year is shooting just 8 for 30 (27 percent) in the finals, missing seven of his eight 3-point attempts, and was treated Wednesday for back spasms. Kerr said Green was expected to play Thursday.

Green was animated Wednesday talking about the difference in the Warriors and

Cavs thus far.

"They're playing like a team that's desperate and needs something. We're playing like a team that's not desperate and got something," he said.

If Green is limited, that could open additional minutes for David Lee, who came off the bench Tuesday after sitting out Games 1 and 2 and scored 13 points. Kerr and Warriors players said they expected Lee to have a bigger role going forward.

"Them saying it, and him playing, obviously gives us a David Blatt said. "But there are a lot of options on that team. They're a deep team and they can give you different looks."

Lee helped spark a Game 4 rally, though the biggest difference was Curry. The MVP finally got his shot to fall while scoring 17 points and making five 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, and the Warriors seemed to gain confidence from seeing him break out.

"I found a rhythm as the game went on," Curry said, "so I'll hopefully bottle up that second half and be ready to go to start the game in Game 4."

Span infield hit in 11th lifts Nationals over Yankees, 5-4



NEW YORK (AP)—Denard Span had a run-

scoring infield hit with two outs in the 11th inning, and the Washington Nationals snapped the New York Yankees' sevengame winning streak with a 5-4 victory Wednesday.

After the game, Yankees manager Joe Girardi said closer Andrew Miller will go on the disabled list because of a strained forearm muscle, an injury that pushes setup man Dellin Betances into a ninth-inning role.

Michael Taylor hit a tying, two-run homer in the eighth against 22-year-old rookie Jacob Lindgren, helping Washington win for just the third time in 12 games.

Tyler Moore led off the 11th with a single off Chris Capuano (0-4) and advanced on Jose Lobaton's sacrifice and Danny Espinosa's tapper back to the mound. Span then hit a high chopper up the middle. Second baseman Stephen Drew fielded the ball as he crossed past second base but Span beat the one-hop throw for his third hit.

Blake Treinen (2-2) pitched two scoreless innings for the win, and Drew Storen was perfect in the 11th for his 19th save, tying St. Louis' Trevor Rosenthal for the NL lead.

Dodgers 7, Diamondbacks 6

In Los Angeles, Yasiel Puig homered among his four hits, Howie Kendrick singled home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning and Los Angeles beat Arizona for the seventh straight time.

Daniel Hudson (1-2) issued consecutive one-out walks to Puig and Adrian Gonzalez before Kendrick's bloop single to right field gave the Dodgers a three-game sweep.

Puig hit a tiebreaking, threerun homer in the second, and his four hits tied a career high. He finished a triple short of the cycle.

Athletics 5, Rangers 4

In Oakland, Calif., Sam Fuld scored the winning run on a slide into home to just beat the throw with one out in the ninth and Oakland snapped a fourgame losing streak with a win over Texas

Fuld hit a one-out single off Keone Kela (4-3) for just his eighth hit in 80 at-bats and stole second. Fuld advanced on Billy Burns' infield single and shortstop Elvis Andrus held the ball rather than throwing to third.

Josh Reddick followed with a sharp grounder that second baseman Adam Rosales fielded and threw home just barely too late. It marked Reddick's fifth career game-ending RBI.

Oakland's comeback spoiled a 10-strikeout night by Texas starter Yovani Gallardo.

Cardinals 4, Rockies 2

In Denver, Carlos Martinez



pitched efficiently into the seventh inning for a fifth straight start and Randal Grichuk hit a solo homer, helping St. Louis beat Colorado to avoid a series sweep.

Martinez (7-2) had a shutout until Ben Paulsen's two-run homer in the seventh. He gave up eight hits in 6 1-3 innings and tied a career-high with two singles at the plate. Martinez also scored a run to help the Cardinals salvage the final game of what's been a rough series.

St. Louis was outscored 15-6 in the opening two games and had slugger Matt Holliday go on the disabled list with a strained right quadriceps.

Giants 8, Mets 5

In New York, Brandon Belt hit one of San Francisco's three homers off a struggling Matt Harvey, and the Giants scored five times in the sixth inning in a victory over New York.

Buster Posey had three RBIs, including a two-run double off Harvey that tied the score in the sixth. Belt followed with a two-run shot, and Justin Maxwell added a long homer later in the inning that gave San Francisco a 7-4 lead.

Joe Panik had three hits for the Giants, including a tworun homer in the first on an 0-2 pitch.

Royals 7, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Alex Gordon hit a three-run homer, Edinson Volquez struck out six batters over seven innings and Kansas City beat Minnesota to finish the first series sweep this season of the Twins at home.

The Twins scored 11 runs while stumbling to a 1-5 record on this home-stand, which handed the division lead back to Kansas City. The Twins

hadn't been swept since the opening series of the season at Detroit.

Their frustration was evident in the eighth, when Torii Hunter was ejected by home plate umpire Mark Ripperger for arguing a called third strike. Hunter had to be restrained briefly, before yanking off his elbow pad, shin guard and batting gloves and throwing them toward the batter's box.

Rays 4, Angels 2

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Evan Longoria homered and Erasmo Ramirez got help from four relievers in pitching Tampa Bay past Los Angeles.

Longoria, who started at third base after being out of the lineup the past three games due to a sore left wrist, put the Rays up 3-2 with a solo homer in the third off Jered Weaver (4-6). It was just his second home run in his last 28 games, and sixth this season.

Ramirez (5-2) gave up two runs and five hits over five innings in winning for the fifth time in six starts. Steve Geltz, Kevin Jepsen, Brad Boxberger and Jake McGee, who pitched the ninth for his first save, held the Angels to two hits over the final four innings.

White Sox 4, Astros 1

In Chicago, Geovany Soto hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning, leading Jose Quintana and Chicago over Houston and handing the Astros their seventh straight loss.

George Springer went 5 for 5 for the AL West-leading Astros

Jose Abreu and Adam La-Roche also homered for Chicago.

Quintana and Astros rookie Vincent Velasquez combined for the third pitchers' duel of the series. Quintana (3-6) earned his first win since May 13, allowing one run and six hits in seven innings.

David Robertson got his 13th save in 16 tries as the White Sox completed a three-game sweep.

Soto's home run came off Tony Sipp (2-3).

Reds 5, Phillies 2

In Cincinnati, Ivan De Jesus Jr. homered for the second time in three games, and Cincinnati Reds swept Philadelphia Wednesday after losing shortstop Zack Cozart to a knee injury.

Cozart twisted his right ankle and knee as he tried to beat out a grounder in the first inning. He crumpled to the ground, rolled on his back and grabbed the knee, wincing in pain. He didn't put any weight on the right leg as he was helped off the field and taken for an exam.

The Phillies fell to 7-23 away from Citizens Bank Park, their worst road record after 30 games since 1941. They have lost seven straight on the road—their worst such slump in two years—and have been swept three times in their last five series.

Blue Jays 7, Marlins 2

In Toronto, Justin Smoak hit one of four Blue Jays homers, Scott Copeland won in his first major league start and Toronto beat Miami to extend its winning streak to eight.

Josh Donaldson, Russell Martin and Jose Reyes also connected for the Blue Jays (31-30), who moved above .500 for the first time since May 19 (16-15). Toronto is on its longest winning run since a nine-game streak from May 20-28 last year.

Copeland (1-0), a 27-year-

old right-hander who made his big league debut in relief on May 2, started in place of Aaron Sanchez, who was skipped because of general soreness. Copeland allowed one run and six hits in seven innings, struck out four and walked none.

Smoak and Martin hit consecutive homers in the fourth off Tom Koehler (4-4), who allowed six runs and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings and lost for the first time since May 6 at Washington.

Cubs 12, Tigers 3

In Detroit, Chris Coghlan and Miguel Montero each hit a three-run homer, and Chicago pounded Detroit.

Jake Arrieta (6-4) shut out the Tigers until Yoenis Cespedes hit a three-run shot of his own in the sixth. The Cubs led 6-0 before that, and Chicago added six more runs in the seventh.

Shane Greene (4-6) allowed five runs and seven hits in three innings, another poor outing for the right-hander who looked so sharp at the beginning of the season. Greene allowed one earned run over his first three starts for the Tigers. Since then, he's posted an 8,60 ERA.

Arrieta gave up three runs and eight hits in six innings. He struck out eight and walked one.

Pirates 2, Brewers 0

In Pittsburgh, Charlie Morton scattered three hits in 7 1-3 innings to remain unbeaten in his return from hip surgery as Pittsburgh beat Milwaukee.

Morton (4-0) struck out six and walked three to win his fourth straight start since coming off the disabled list last month. He didn't allow a hit until Aramis Ramirez led

off the fifth with a single up the middle.

Washington Nationals right fielder

Bryce Harper, right, celebrates

with center fielder Denard Span (2) after their 5-4, 11-inning vic-

tory over the New York Yankees

in a baseball game at Yankee Sta-

dium in New York, Wednesday,

June 10, 2015.

Pedro Alvarez hit his 10th homer of the season. Jordy Mercer and Jung Ho Kang added three hits apiece for the Pirates. Mark Melancon worked a perfect ninth for his 19th save.

Kyle Lohse (3-7) dropped his third consecutive decision while falling to 0-3 against Pittsburgh this season. He gave up an RBI single to Starling Marte in the first and a 438-foot homer to Alvarez leading off the second.

Braves 4, Padres 1

In Atlanta, rookie Williams Perez allowed only four hits in seven innings, Kelly Johnson returned from the disabled list with three hits and Atlanta beat San Diego.

Johnson had an RBI single in the second inning in his return after missing 24 games with a strained right oblique. Cameron Maybin drove in a run with two of Atlanta's 14 hits.

The only run allowed by Perez (2-0) was unearned. Making his fifth start, he matched his longest outing start while striking out five and walking two. He has allowed no more than one earned run in four of his five starts.

Cory Spangenberg had three hits, including two doubles. His fifth-inning double drove in the Padres' run.

Jim Johnson pitched a perfect ninth inning for his third save. Closer Jason Grilli was rested after pitching two straight days.

Tyson Ross (3-6) took the loss.

Orioles 5, Red Sox 2

In Baltimore, Adam Jones drove in a run and played exceptional defense behind left-hander Wei-Yin Chen, who earned his second win of the season in the Baltimore's victory over Boston.

J.J. Hardy had two RBIs for the Orioles, who will attempt to complete a three-game sweep on Thursday night.

Jones, a four-time Gold Glove winner, threw out a runner from center field and made two fine catches. He also put Baltimore up 3-1 in the third with an RBI single.

Chen (2-4) allowed two runs and seven hits in five-plus innings.

Darren O'Day struck out four during two perfect innings to earn his second save.

Rick Porcello (4-6) gave up five runs and 10 hits over 5 1/3 innings in losing his fourth straight start.

More turmoil for FIFA and World Cup bidding contests



RUSSIA (AP)— On another day of turmoil for FIFA and the World

Cup, the bidding contest for the 2026 tournament was put on

FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke said Wednesday it would be "nonsense" to begin the next bidding process on schedule this week amid the American investigation into soccer corruption.

Valcke, speaking at a news conference in Russia hosted by organizers of the 2018 tournament, also defended his role in a \$10 million bribery scandal linked to the 2010 World Cup.

"I will answer all the questions. I have nothing to hide,"

While Valcke spoke in Samara, his staff in Zurich gave more evidence to Swiss authorities for a separate investigation into the 2018 and 2022 World Cup bid contests won by Russia and Qatar, respectively.

"FIFA handed over seized IT data," the Swiss attorney general's office said in a statement.

Two weeks ago it raided FIFA offices and opened "criminal proceedings against persons unknown on suspicion of criminal mismanagement and of money laundering."

The storm unleashed by separate U.S. and Swiss federal investigations has already further sullied FIFA's image and led to the announced resignation of its



FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke speaks to the media during a news conference in Samara, Russia, Wednesday, June 10, 2015. Valcke said Wednesday it would be "nonsense" to begin the next bidding process on schedule this week amid the American investigation into soccer corruption.

president, Sepp Blatter. He is not a suspect for Swiss authorities but is a target of the American case.

The favorite to succeed

adversary Michel Platini, criticized soccer's governing body later Wednesday while

Blatter, former protege turned

also welcoming a delay in Wolfgang Niersbach of Ger-2026 business.

"Today there is no leadership at FIFA so it's normal that it's been suspended," the UEFA president and former France great said at a news conference in Paris which overlapped with Valcke's in Russia.

The United States is among the expected contenders in the May 2017 vote.

FIFA also said Wednesday its executive committee will meet to choose an election date in a special session next month - possibly July 24 in St. Petersburg, where Swiss and American investigators won't get the chance to ask questions. The 209 FIFA member federations will vote in Zurich for a new president four months after a deadline set for would-be candidates to apply.

Blatter's prolonged departure is "not doing himself and the whole of football a favor," said

the men's, ladies, and random

players divisions will receive

many, who is on the executive committee.

FIFA has been in crisis since the U.S. Department of Justice indicted 14 people on corruption charges ahead of Blatter's re-election at the FIFA congress two weeks ago. Seven of them were arrested in Zurich and face extradition.

SBA June roll-offs this weekend



The Saipan Bowling Association's Budweiser King and Queen of the

Lanes Tournament for June will be held this weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.

This Saturday's competition will start at 6pm, while Sunday's games will begin at 3:45pm. The tournament is exclusive for SBA members. All bowlers must pay the SBA annual membership fee of \$15 before participating in the roll-offs.

Bowlers have the option to bowl on Saturday or Sunday or on both days, provided that the \$15 entry fee is paid. Only the higher score will qualify for prizes. The number of bowlers will be limited to the first 48 entries for each day. Cash prizes will depend on the number of entries. Women will only have separate prizes if there are at least 10 entries.

For early registration and payment, please see or contact Gigi or Ross Zapanta at 288 5627 or via email at zapanta@ pticom.com. (SBA)

4 teams join beach soccer tourney

Four teams will vie for the championship in this Saturday's NMIFA 5v5 Beach Soccer Tournament at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan sand court.

Independents Football Club leads the short

list of participants in the weekend competition and will be joined

by Kanoa FC, Matansa FC, and Tan Holdings FC. The four squads will play in a roundrobin format with the team with the most points (based on each squad's win-draw-loss record) winning the event.

Registration and event briefing will be held from 9am to 9:30am, while the first match will take place at 10am with Kanoa colliding against Independents FC. The second match

and playing without compla-

cency were the important fac-

our starters and bench play-

ers and when it's their time to

play they know what to do. Our

bench players don't demand

much playing time and often

asked to be put in the game

when we are already assured of

a win," Blue Haus coach Sam

does not stack up talented play-

ers and wants to recruit some-

one who needs to get back to

basketball and be active again

and play supporting roles.

"We're good with six to seven

He added that Blue Haus

'Every player understands their role on the team. We have

tors in their title runs.

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between Matansa and Tan Holdings is set for 10:25pm.

Each game will be played in two seven-minute halves with a five-minute break in between

Meanwhile, organizers of the other NMIFA-sanc-Football Association tioned tournament this

Saturday—the Scramble 3v3 Tournament—is encouraging beginners to join the event at the Navy Hill Ballfield.

Sign up will start at 8am and drawing of squads will be done afterwards. Team will play in a round-robin format in the morning session, while eliminationround matches will be scheduled in the afternoon.

The tournament is open to players in the 18-and-above age group. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

solid players and the rest are

very reliable backups. When we

playe together, there is no star

on the team as I said earlier, they

know their respective roles," he

Edsel Mendoza, who won the

MVP award in last week's UFO

caging and scored 26 points in

Blue Haus' title win over Mo-

tion Auto, seconded Fernandez.

we don't play to be superstars

individually, we play together

and communicate well most im-

portantly. Everyone has a role

whether we have playing time

or not. We understand and no

one complains," Mendoza said.

out, regardless if it's a regular

doza) and family who watch

season game or a playoff.

Mendoza added they play all

"I have a son (Kobee Men-

"We have a balance team and

Club Lao Championship finals Saturday



Four players will vie for the two finals berth when the IT&E Club Champion-Lao

ship resumes this Saturday at the Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort.

Jin Feng Chun, who is in his mid 20s, will take on youngster Dong Young Lee for the men's title, while the 11-year-old's mother, Kwon Young Sook will face Jennifer Hegland for the women's crown. The winners will clash for the Club championship.

There's a possibility that a mother-son finals would take

place in the Club finals, which will follow a match play format.

The final match play will be held at the LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort's west course and tee time is set at 8am. The winners of the morning matches will clash for the Club title, with the final game to start 30 minutes after.

The four players survived last week's elimination, quarterfinal, and semifinal rounds held at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort's west course.

The Club champion will get 120 rounds of golf for one year, while the first placer in

60 rounds for 6 months, and the runners-up will win 10 rounds for one month. Cash prizes and other in-kind

certificates were given away to the Top 8 finishers in the double-peoria format eliminations as well as for the men's and ladies low gross winners last weekend. The runners-up and longest drive winners received \$200 worth of gift certificates.

For more information, call 236-8888 or email rsrvn@ laolaobay.com. (Jon Perez)

Blue Haus aims to keep the

streak as they compete in two

more tournaments this year. The

squad will remain motivated

knowing that a lot of teams are

knowing that teams are stack-

ing up talented players just to

"Our motivation, really, is

Blue Haus mentor said.

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izona	27	32	.458	$7\frac{1}{2}$

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all my games, so in a way I try to show him even though I'm 28 years older than he is, I still push myself to no limits both on defense and offense. Kobee and I are both very competitive and we talk smack when we don't perform well in our games,"

Fernandez agrees to giving everything you got on the court, noting that it was Edsel and another long-time member of the team Tony Diaz who encouraged their teammates to keep working hard during their title match against Motion Auto

even though they were comfortably ahead in the third quarter. "Tony and Edsel always re-

mind their teammates not to be over confident and think the team is way ahead. They inspired the rest of us to keep our intensity all throughout the game," Fernandez said.

With this attitude and the players' ability to work together and trust each other, Fernandez added the team is every coach's

'This is a very coachable team and I think that adds to one of the key factors in our success," the

out to get them.

beat us in every league. That's what makes it fun for us," said Mendoza, who thanked Blue Haus, a general merchandise store in Garapan, for supporting the squad in the last

three years.

baseball manager. CNMI

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Mendoza said.

Wednesday afternoon.

face tough challenges and it will be hard for all of us. We won't guarantee a win. I would just want the boys to take it one game at a time," said Rogolifoi, who has guided the CNMI to gold medal wins in the 2006 Saipan Micronesian Games and the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia.

"We're confident that the boys can score runs. We have a steady defense, and a great bullpen composed of the best young pitchers," added the veteran

The team practices at least three to four hours a day, six times a week since the group was formed in late May.

"We're just doing lots of offensive and defensive drills, including hitting and pitching. That is where we are focusing on. Majority of the members of the team are 17 years old, they are almost ready to play in the adult leagues," Rogoli-

The manager added that the coaching staff also stacked the squad with players who could

Frankie Lieto, Darrion Jones, A.J. Evangelista, Jesse Breal, and Jhace Palacios will be on the ra, Keola Camacho, Keene Deleon Guerrero, Kelvin Jack Deleon Guerrero, Asalschigh Khobby Kaipat, Bradley R. Lieto, Joseph Lifoifoi Jr., Jose C. Lizama Jr., Peyton Lizama, M.J. Sakisat, and Verlance Secharmidal are the other members of the team. "But anyone of them could

CNMI's regular pitching rotation.

Cedric C. Ada, Jerald P. Cabre-

also pitch if they are called to take the mound," added Rogolfioi.

also be competing in the Juniors division along with Australia, Guam, Hong Kong, and the Philippines. The host will then defend the Seniors crown against Guam, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

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Fernandez said.

years and every competition he has to find ways to motivate the CNMI bets so that they will not be too confident come tournament time.

In the regionals, the Commonwealth players will be challenging representatives of host Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau. Participants will be playing in the boys

and girls U12, U14, U16, and U18 singles and doubles. The CNMI does not have entries in the girls U18 singles and doubles and boys U16 with some of its players in those age groups deciding not to go in Guam.

"We have solid U12 and U14 teams," Race said.

The ITF North Pacific Regional Championships 2015 will kick off this Monday and will run until Saturday at the Rick Ninete Tennis Center in Hagatna.

the team's practice session late

"We know we're going to

also be tapped to pitch.

Meanwhile, the CNMI will

CNMI preps for 2 more AFC tournaments

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



The CNMI's U16 and U19 national training pools will resume their practice sessions later

this month in preparation for two Asian Football Confederation-organized tournaments.

The Commonwealth, which has earlier announced its participation in the AFC U14 Regional Festival of Football 2015 (East Region), is also invited to the AFC U-19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifiers that will run from Sept. 28 to Oct. 6 with the venue yet to be determined. The CNMI players are in Group H of the qualifier and will be challenging teams from South Korea, Thailand, Singapore, and Chinese-Taipei.

The CNMI will send a team to the AFC U-16 Championship India 2016 Qualifiers, too, joining Timor Leste, Malaysia, Laos, and the Philippines in Group G. The U16 qualifier will be held from Sept. 12 to 20, but the venue has also yet to be selected. Interested AFC mem-



bers have until June 22 to turn in hosting bid documents for the two youth competitions.

Incidentally, the CNMI will also resume their training session on June 22 and the two

pools are expected to work doubly hard with about three months left before they see action in off-island tournaments.

"There's a lot of work to be done. We need to strengthen the

players' fundamentals and work on their stamina as we will be playing against faster and stronger teams in both competitions," Northern Mariana Islands Football Association coaching staff member Jersh Angeles said in an interview with Saipan Tribune yesterday.

"We will be resuming training on June 22 and with players on school break, coach Seki (Kiyoshi Sekiguchi) may hold practice twice a day. We will wait for him to decide how many times a week we will have the training sessions," Angeles added.

Sekiguchi is off-island for a coaching certification course and called a two-week break on the training sessions of both pools. However, according to Angeles, Sekiguchi instructed members of the pool to work on their own during the break.

"Coach advised them to try conditioning running and other exercise/drills that will help improve the player's stamina. In the previous practices, coach Seki has developed and implemented a short, but fast-paced training regimen to push the players to work on their speed," Angeles said.

Route 33 seals top seeding, still up for grabs in Tuesday League

By JON PEREZ



The Route 33 Car Alamo Rental locked up the top

seeding in the Budweiser Open 8-Ball Thursday League, while it remains a toss up between the Smoke Pub Armatech Hustlers and Jokers IT&E Voyagers over in the Tuesday League.

The Top 4 teams advance to the semifinals where No. 1 will face No. 4 and the secondranked squad will take on the third-seeded team. The winners of the one-game, knockout semis will move on to the finals, while the losers clash for third place honors.



Wild Bill's, left, and the Smoke Pub Armatech Hustlers remain in title contention in their respective divisions in the Thursday and Tuesday Open 8-Ball leagues.

Route 33 ended the regular season with an easy 15-0 win over the Jokers Wonderpool

Aces (123-147) after their opponents decided to no longer

Route 33 finished with a division-best 172-98 record, 16 wins ahead of Wild Bill's (156114), which edged the Jokers Homeboyz for second place (155-115). Wild Bill's and the

Division champs advance in Bud Light Cup semis

Division champions Jonny's trounced the Jokers Snipers, wins over their respective opponents to advance to the Bud Light Cup semifinals of the Saipan Electronic Darts Association.

All Bud Light Cup matches are knockout, race-to-eight games. The semis winners will move on to the one-game finals next week, June 18.

The Kyodai, the Thursday Flame Tree B division champions, eked out an 8-7 decision over the Naked Fish Oneshot to earn the right of facing the Naked Fish Ridin' Darrty, an 8-4 winner over sister team Na'Gupu.

The Abyss Serial Killaz

Kyodai and Jokers Latte Sparts 8-2, while the Sand Juvy No the Masters, Tuesday B, and irika C), and the Jokers Chagi Flyers (Kingfisher C). escaped with similar tough Fear nipped the Jonny's Real Chichirika and Kingfisher C di-Deal, 8-7. The Killaz and No Fear form the other half of the semis pairing.

Thursday Fanihi B division champion Latte Sparts edged Sands Alamo Car Rental, 8-5, and will take on the Route 33 Mixblood Shooters,

an 8-5 conqueror of the Sand Juvy 80 Proofers, in the semis.

The Jokers Preba Darts tripped Oleai Team Fearless, 8-5, and will challenge the Sand Juvy Sunrisers, who scored an 8-5 decision over the VFW Warriors, for a finals berth.

visions began last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Results of the opening matches were not yet available at press time.

The Sand Juvy TDI Summit (Masters) and sister team Pasaways (Tuesday B), the Jokers Darty Flight (Chichirika C) and Spartans (Kingfisher C) are the division winners.

Set to play in the semifinals are the Sand Juvy Pythons and Jokers Scratch 'N' Sniff (Masters). Smoke Pub Dartaholics and Sand Juvy Dabarkads (Tuesday B), Smoke Pub Bull

Bud Light Cup matchups in It and the Blue Koi's (Chich- Fan and the Smoke Pub High



Sand Juvy TDI Summit captain Michelle Olita, center, joins her teammates for a group photo after they clinched the Masters divi-

Homeboyz will face each other in the knockout semifinals.

Wild Bill's sealed the No. 2 spot after another default win, 15-0, over the last placed Barcode Breakers (64-206). The Homeboyz could have finished second, but they only managed a 9-6 decision against Jonny's Team SCS (110-160).

The Abyss Titans (148-122), despite an 8-7 loss to the Smoke Pub Magic 8-Ball (143-127), clinched the last semifinals berth. Sister team Rack 'N' Roll was two games short at 146-124, after scoring a 12-3 win over the Barcode Hobbies Deadshot (133-137).

Over at the Tuesday League, the Hustlers and Voyagers have two playdates left in order to determine which team will seal the top ranking. The Hustlers hold a 159-11 record, closely followed by the Voyagers' 157-113 slate.

The Hustlers failed to further distance themselves from the Voyagers after an 8-7 setback against the Jokers STR8 Shooters. The Voyagers, on the other hand, kept within striking distance following a 10-5 crushing of the Smoke Pub Ali'I Destroyers.

Both the STR8 Shooters and the Destroyers are in contention for the last semis berth as they are currently tied at 130-140.

The Abyss Crazy 8 holds the No. 3 ranking (141-129) after posting a 13-2 triumph against the Abyss Homeboyz II.

Results of last Tuesdays matches were not yet available at press time. On June 16, The Voyagers will close out their campaign against the Crazy 8, while the Hustlers visit the Homeboyz II and the Destroyers host the STR8Shooters.

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Blue Haus shares success story



By ROSELYN B. MONROYO roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com

ith four championships to its credit, Blue Haus has become the most successful Masters team in CNMI basketball in the

last three years.

Blue Haus owned back-to-back titles (2013 and 2015) in the United Filipino Organization Basketball League and won the Master crowns in the 2015 Graphics Invitational Masters Basketball League and 2014 Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball

and 2014 Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League-Docomo Pacific Cup. Bagging these championship wins were no ordinary fetes, considering Blue Haus did it in style—going unbeaten in those four tournaments.

In the 2013 UFO caging, Blue went 12-0, capping the perfect season with an 88-79 victory over defending champion MDX/Armatech. In 2014, Blue Haus held an immaculate

ROSELYN B. MONROYO Blue Haus' Edwin Santos fakes off the defense of Armatech's Bong Malasarte, left, and Yosh Gabaldon, partly hidden, during their Masters semis game in the UFO caging last month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

in the Graphics Invitational caging. The formidable squad won the championship in another convincing fashion after routing KB Hite in the finale, 94-48. Then last weekend, Blue

Then last weekend, Blue Haus kept its unblemished mark after crushing Motion Auto, 100-67, in the 2015 UFO caging finale. Blue Haus concluded the tournament with a 7-0 record.

With these successive championships and undefeated records in three years, Blue Haus team leaders said knowing every player's role on the team, having no superstar mentality,

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CNMI vs Guam in Big League opener

By JON PEREZ

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Host CNMI will be facing its southern neighbor Guam in the lone opening game in the 2015 Asia-Pacific-Middle East Junior, Senior, and Big League Baseball Regional Tournament at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field at 4:30pm on June 26.

8-0 slate in the Emon Lodge league, com-

pleting the sweep with

a 71-42 trashing of

Early this year, Blue Haus

earned its third undefeated re-

cord after notching a 9-0 mark

Mariana Resort.

The opening ceremony begins at 3pm with the parade of all 14 teams from the six countries that will be vying for three division crowns. This year's cast is led by defending Junior and Big league champions Chinese-Taipei and Se-

The regional tournament will have its full schedule of matches the following day or on June 27. The competition, which will run up to July

niors title holder CNMI.

6, will have more than 30 games, including the finals in each division. Teams are expected to start arriving on June 24 in time for the June 25 managers meeting.

CNMI Big league manager Tony Rogolifoi, who is being supported by head coach Jack Guerrero and assistant mentor Bruce Norita, said that they

have been preparing the team not only against Guam, but versus other favorites, too.

"We know that there's a standing rivalry between Guam and the CNMI. But Guam is not our only opponent. There's defending champion Chinese-Taipei and the Philippines, which has also been a powerhouse in the region," said Rogolifoi in an interview before

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JON PEREZ

CNMI Big League All-Stars manager Tony Rogolifoi, left, talks to some of the team's pitchers during one of their practice sessions at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

Junior tennis players leave for regionals

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

REPORTER



The CNMI Junior Tennis Team will leave for Guam this weekend as it aims to keep its reign in the ITF North Pacific Regional Championships 2015.

The squad will be leaving in two batches with Malika Miyawaki and Tania Tan going to Guam

this afternoon and coach Jeff Race, Mimi Sakano, Asia Raulerson, Robbie Schorr, Ken Song, Vincent Tudela, Steven Goodwin, Haruya Eda, Rintaro Miyawaki, Sean Lee, Seung Jin Paik, and Ji Min Woo, Conatsu and

ROSELYN B. MONROYO CNMI coach Jeff Race, center, poses with some players who will go to Guam to compete in the ITF North Pacific Regional Championships 2015 during a break in their training session at the Pacific Islands Club yesterday.

Coume Kaga, Erica Tuttle, Maria Gregoire, Isabel Heras, and Ami Tsukagoshi taking the evening flight tomorrow.

"We're all set and I am confident we can still dominate," said Race, who made a countdown for the regionals and marked each day with morale-boosting messages for the team.

Yesterday's message read "Days until NPRC: 4; Never Give Up."

"I've been doing this for a month, trying to boost their confidence and mental toughness leading to the competition. To-

day, I told them why they should never give up even if they're way down in the match. When you're behind, you tend to be so nervous and forget to play your game, so I told them to stay focus and keep going. It feels great to make a comeback and win," Race added.

Race' wards has been ruling the regionals for the last seven to eight

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